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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1917.

On the first Wednesday in January, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, being the day designated by the constitution for the assembling of that body, the one hundred and fifteenth General Court of the State of New Hampshire convened at the capitol, in the City of Concord, and the representatives-elect were called to order by Harrie M. Young, clerk of the House for the preceding session.

The clerk proceeded to call the roll and 393 members answering to their names, a quorum was declared present.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Exeter,—

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed by the clerk to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of the House is assembled and requests his attendance.

The clerk appointed Messrs. Nowell of Exeter and Tilton of Tilton as such committee.

His Excellency the Governor, having been informed that a quorum of the House was assembled, appeared, attended by the Honorable Council, and the following named gentlemen, having presented their credentials, were duly qualified by His Excellency as members of the House of Representatives by taking and subscribing to the oaths of office agreeably to the provisions of the constitution.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Atkinson	Herbert N. Sawyer.
Auburn	Willard H. Griffin.
Brentwood	Burton L. Smith.
Candia	Benjamin F. Lang.
Chester	George E. Gillingham.
Deerfield	Joseph W. Sanborn.
Derry	Warren P. Horne.
	Myron Richardson.
	Benjamin F. Stackhouse.
	Henry T. Wheeler.
East Kingston	Frank B. Tilton.
Epping	George A. Gilmore.
Exeter	Samuel K. Bell.
	Luke Leighton.*
	Edward E. Nowell.
	Richard E. Shute.
Fremont	Joseph P. Bassett.
Greenland	Edward W. Holmes.
Hampstead	Albion D. Emerson.
Hampton	Edwin L. Batchelder.
Hampton Falls	William E. Walton.
Kensington	Herman E. Brown.
Kingston	Frank W. Parker.
Londonderry	Eugene O. Greeley.
Newcastle	James W. Pridham.
Newmarket	George M. Mathes.
	Albert F. Priest.
	Arthur L. Turcotte.
Newton	Hayford Battles.
North Hampton	Alfred L. Marston.
Northwood	John G. Towle.
Nottingham	Arthur W. McDaniel.
Plaistow	Fred P. Hill.
Portsmouth—	
Ward 1	George H. Sanderson.
	Lewis Soule.

Portsmouth—

Ward 2	John H. Bartlett. John Pender. George A. Wood.
Ward 3	Daniel W. Badger. William Casey.
Ward 4	Edward S. Downs.
Ward 5	Ralph C. Dickey.
Raymond	George E. Dodge.
Rye	Joseph W. Berry.*
Salem	Walter F. Haigh. Fred C. Buxton.
Sandown	George W. Dimmock.
Seabrook	Lucien Wilbur Foote.
Stratham	Joseph G. Barnard.
Windham	Rufus H. Bailey.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.

Barrington	Frank McDaniel.
Dover—	
Ward 1	Martin P. Bennett. Charles E. Wendell.
Ward 2	Eugene B. Foss. John McFayden. Eugene Smart.
Ward 3	Edwin M. Carr. Edward Reilly.
Ward 4	James Marshall. David C. McIntosh. Fred L. Morang.
Ward 5	John H. Wesley.
Durham	Fred E. Davis.
Farmington	James W. Ham. Edwin H. Thomas.
Lee	Frank J. Davis.
Madbury	Albert D. Emerson.
Milton	Moses G. Chamberlain.

Rochester—

Ward 1	Wilbur F. Cole.
Ward 2	Edward L. Tebbetts.
Ward 3	Harry L. Meader.
Ward 4	Alcide Bilodeau.
	Edward P. Maxfield.*
Ward 5	Luther B. Sampson.
Ward 6	Roy C. Horne.
	John M. Hubbard.
Rollingsford	Cornelius E. Murphy.
	James F. Philpott.

Somersworth—

Ward 1	Archie L. Jacques.*
Ward 2	John F. Lucey.
Ward 3	Laurent J. Gaudreau.
Ward 4	John J. McCarthy.
	William Perron.
Ward 5	Peter M. Gagne.
Strafford	John W. Cater.

BELKNAP COUNTY.

Alton	William Rockwell Clough.
Barnstead	George J. Whitney.
Belmont	Jason H. Cotton.
Center Harbor	Leonard B. Morrill.
Gilford	Orman M. Sanborn.
Gilmanton	Royal L. Page.
Laconia—	

Ward 1	John T. Dodge.
Ward 2	William B. Johnson.
	Arthur W. Spring.
Ward 3	Thomas H. Lowe.
Ward 4	William F. Seaverns.
	Edwin H. Shannon.
Ward 5	Frank E. Pearson.
	Archie B. Sanborn.
Ward 6	George B. Munsey.
	Simon A. Whitten.

Meredith	Dudley Leavitt.
New Hampton	Guy B. Torsey.
Sanbornton	Robert M. Wright.
Tilton	Herman Page.
	Charles E. Tilton.

CARROLL COUNTY.

Bartlett	Austin L. Stillings.
Conway	William R. Carter.
	Albert S. Pollard.
	Charles E. Poole.
Eaton	Fred E. White.
Effingham	Edwin P. Leavitt.
Freedom	Arthur P. Merrow.
Jackson	Harry A. Thompson.
Madison	Samuel J. Gilman.
Moultonborough	James E. French.
Ossipee	Ervin W. Hodsdon.*
Sandwich	Harry Blanchard.
Tamworth	Charles C. Smith.
Tuftonborough	Willie W. Thomas.*
Wakefield	William N. Rogers.
Wolfeboro	John Frank Goodwin.
	Henry F. Libby.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.

Allentown	Fred S. Eastman.
Andover	George E. Eastman.
Boscawen	Guy H. Hubbard.
Bow	Fred H. Clough.
Bradford	Hugh Corrigan.
Canterbury	Leroy A. Glines.
Chichester	Marshall S. Sanborn.
Concord—	
Ward 1	William F. Hoyt.
	Lawrence J. Keenan.
Ward 2	Frank P. Curtis.
Ward 3	Robert C. Murchie.

Concord—

Ward 4	Ira Leon Evans. Eugene W. Leach. Herbert H. Wright.
Ward 5	Benjamin W. Couch. Arthur P. Morrill.
Ward 6	Clarence L. Clark. Arthur E. Dole. Fred B. Taylor.
Ward 7	Walter H. Beane. Julius Percy Holbrook. John G. Winant.
Ward 8	William A. Lee.
Ward 9	William J. Ahern. James J. Gannon.

Danbury	Burt W. Dean.
Dunbarton	Abraham L. Burnham.
Epsom	Benjamin M. Towle.

Franklin—

Ward 1	Peter Dana.
Ward 2	Patrick J. Cunningham. Maxime A. Proulx.
Ward 3	Walter F. Duffy. Gilbert G. Fellows.

Henniker	Harrie W. Balch.
Hill	Alfred M. Kelley.
Hooksett	Guy M. Lawrence.
Hopkinton	Robert T. Gould.
Loudon	Everett P. Jenkins.
Newbury	Elwin C. Lear.
New London	Elmer E. Adams.
Northfield	Jeremiah E. Smith.*
Pembroke	Lawrence C. Bates. Amedee Fremeau. George F. Georgi.
Pittsfield	Richard B. Bartlett. Frank M. Cutler.
Salisbury	Ned D. Sanborn.

Sutton	Arthur E. Davis.
Warner	Andrew J. Hook.
Webster	James L. Colby.
Wilmot	William A. Thompson.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Amherst	Jonathan S. Lewis.
Antrim	Charles D. White.
Bedford	William B. French.
Bennington	Herbert A. Eaton.
Brookline	Walter E. Corey.
Deering	Harland C. Smith.
Francestown	Edwin D. Stevens.
Goffstown	Lucian W. Bartlett.
	Robert M. Gordon.
Greenfield	Edwin C. Hopkins.
Greenville	Louis O. Boisvert.
Hancock	Clark E. Ellinwood.
Hillsborough	John S. Childs.
	Frank D. Gay.
Hollis	Edwin H. Stratton.
Hudson	Henry C. Brown.
Lyndeborough	Charles H. Tarbell.
Manchester—	
Ward 1	Harry E. Cole.
	Bayard C. Ryder.
	Robert E. Wheeler.
Ward 2	Henry F. Berry.
	Henry W. Boutwell.*
	Ralph E. Hall.
	George Allan Putnam.
Ward 3	John G. Crawford.
	Eugene G. Libbey.
	Carl A. Peterson.
	George E. Prime.
	Tom W. Robinson.
	William E. Smith.

Manchester—

Ward 4	Frank H. Challis. Charles E. Crosby. Frank A. Dockham. Henry B. Fairbanks. Clarence M. Woodbury.
Ward 5	James H. Collins. Maurice J. Connor. James L. Glynn. Peter E. Harlan. Richard H. Horan. John F. Kelley. Daniel J. McCarthy. Patrick McGreevy. John Shaughnessy.
Ward 6	John H. Bartlett. Robert Bunton. Charles G. Dunnington. James M. Nelson. Arthur E. Wiggin.
Ward 7	Martin L. Mahoney. John M. Ready. Michael T. Sullivan.
Ward 8	Michael S. Donnelly. Albert J. Parent. John H. Rice. Thomas R. Stewart.
Ward 9	Charles W. Bailey. William A. Burlingame. Samuel F. Davis. William B. McKay. James A. Sayers.
Ward 10	Theodore Graf. Harry C. Jones. Charles A. Newell.
Ward 11	John L. Barry. George E. Roukey. Dennis F. Scannell.

Manchester—

Ward 12 Alphonse Grenier.

Rene Janelle.

Frank G. Lizotte.

George Provost.

Ward 13 Ferdinand Farley.

Ubald Hebert.

Omer Janelle.

Charles Miville.

Treffle Raiche.

Mason Hervey E. Whitaker.

Merrimack John E. Haseltine.

Milford Fred J. Kendall.

Joseph A. Mallalieu.

Pulaski R. Woodman.

Mont Vernon Jay M. Gleason.

Nashua—

Ward 1 Herbert E. Kendall.

Henry C. Shattuck.

Ward 2 Robert A. French.

Amos J. Wheeler.

Ward 3 Joseph Pepin.

Noe Richard.

John B. Riendeau.

Ward 4 William E. Foisie.

Ward 5 Thomas McLaughlin.

Michael P. Sullivan.

Ward 6 Matthew T. Sullivan.

Ward 7 Frank O. Morse.

Thomas F. Mulvanity.

Charles H. Powell.

Ward 8 Henry M. Burns.

Bartholomew J. Hargraves.

Irene D. Ravenelle.

Ward 9 Edward DeLacombe.

Auguste Gaudreau.

Joseph Larouche.

George L. Soucy.

New Boston	Charles F. Marden.
New Ipswich	Phillip F. Gordon.
Pelham	Frank M. Woodbury.
Peterborough	James F. Brennan.
	Andrew J. Walbridge.
Weare	George H. Eastman.
Wilton	Stanley H. Abbott.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.

Alstead	Henry C. Metcalf.
Chesterfield	Harold E. Randall.
Dublin	Milton D. Mason.
Fitzwilliam	Clarence M. Damon.
Gilsum	Elmer D. Banks.
Harrisville	Frank P. Symonds.
Hinsdale	Orrin C. Robertson.
Jaffrey	Edward C. Boynton.
	John G. Townsend.
Keene—	
Ward 1	William J. Callahan.
	Walter G. Perry.
Ward 2	Charles Warren.
	Jerry P. Wellman.
Ward 3	Frank Huntress.*
	Herman C. Rice.
Ward 4	William S. Tuttle.
Ward 5	Daniel M. Spaulding.
Marlborough	John Kimball.
Marlow	Warren M. Davis.
Richmond	Albert B. Conway.
Rindge	Harris H. Rice.
Swanzy	Frank S. Faulkner.
Troy	George W. Mason.
Walpole	George F. Landers.
	William H. Lane.
Westmoreland	Asa A. Whitman.
Winchester	Edward F. Qualters.*
	Franklin J. Willard.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Acworth	March Clark.
Charlestown	William H. Gilson.
Claremont	Orra S. Bugbee.
	Herbert C. Chandler.
	Robert E. Gould.
	Edgar A. Noyes.
	Edward J. Rossiter.
	Edwin A. Thomas.
Cornish	William E. Beaman.
Croydon	Dana S. Gross.
Goshen	John S. Smart.
Langdon	Bayard T. Mousley.
Lempster	Lucius H. Nichols.
Newport	Leroy C. Angell.
	Elmer E. Dodge.
	George A. Fairbanks.
Plainfield	Fred A. Rogers.
Springfield	Carl B. Philbrick.
Sunapee	George E. Gardner.
Unity	Frank Reed.

GRAFTON COUNTY.

Alexandria	Joel S. Gray.
Ashland	Theron B. A. Baker.
Bethlehem	Walter H. Clark.
Bristol	John S. Conner.
Campton	Samuel P. Robie.
Canaan	William E. Shaw.
Enfield	Stephen Laffee.
Franconia	Fred G. Sanborn.
Grafton	Alden H. Barney.
Groton	George Goodboo.
Hanover	Charles F. Emerson.
	Horace F. Hoyt.
Haverhill	Henry S. Bailey.
	Luther C. Butler.
	Frank N. Keyser.

Holderness	Harold A. Webster.
Lebanon	Karl E. Allen.
	Frank Collins.
	Horace French.
	Eben S. Haskell.
	Ralph F. Hough.
Lincoln	John Taylor Alton.
Lisbon	Fred J. Moore.
	Herbert B. Moulton.
Littleton	Edward J. Cummings.
	Harvey C. Kinne.
	William I. Richardson.
Lyman	William Birch, Jr.
Lyme	George W. Barnes.
Orange	Melvin B. Eastman.
Orford	Harry E. Morrison.
Piermont	Orlo B. Stanley.
Plymouth	Ernest L. Bell.
	Edward C. Brogan.
Rumney	Daniel Kidder.
Thornton	Frank L. Hazeltine.
Warren	Charles F. Little.
Wentworth	Frank C. Bradeen.
Woodstock	Albert W. Sawyer.

COOS COUNTY.

Berlin—

Ward 1	Joseph Aubin.
	Waldo Babson.
	Arthur P. Smyth.
Ward 2	William G. Dupont.
	George H. Gagne.
	Joseph W. Gonya.
Ward 3	Andrew P. Bergquist.
	Paul W. Burbank.
	Octave J. Lambert.
Ward 4	Arthur J. Letourneau.
Carroll	Edward W. Burns.

Colebrook	John H. Finley.
	Guy B. Trask.
Columbia	William Gray.
Dalton	Amos L. Brown.
Gorham	Joseph O. George.
	Bartholomew F. McHugh.
Jefferson	Richard B. Eastman.
Lancaster	Abner Bailey.
	Fred C. Congdon.
	Daniel J. Truland.
Milan	Ruel A. Woods.
Northumberland	Joseph P. Boucher.
	James B. McFarland.
Pittsburg	Charles Merrill.
Randolph	Vyron D. Lowe.
Shelburne	Charles E. Philbrook.
Stark	Ira N. Cole.
Stewartstown	Levi Brooks.
Stratford	William H. Kimball.
Whitefield	Elbridge W. Snow.

*Those marked with an asterisk were not present, but appeared and qualified later, as will be found in the daily proceedings of the House.

The clerk then called the House to order and stated that the first business before the House was the election of a temporary presiding officer.

Mr. Dickey of Portsmouth placed in nomination Mr. Childs of Hillsborough and moved his election.

On a *viva voce* vote Mr. Childs was declared elected temporary presiding officer, and was escorted to the chair by Mr. Dickey of Portsmouth.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House proceeded to the election of a Speaker by ballot. The presiding officer appointed Messrs. French of Moultonborough and Ahern of Concord as a committee to receive, sort and count the votes. Mr. French, for the committee, reported the following result of the ballot:

Whole number of votes cast.....	382
Necessary to a choice.....	192
James F. Brennan had	150
Arthur P. Morrill had.....	232

and Arthur P. Morrill, having a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected Speaker.

The Speaker addressed the House as follows:

GENTLEMEN:

To be elected Speaker of this House is an honor which I deeply appreciate.

Thanking you for your generous expression of good will, I sincerely hope that your confidence has not been misplaced.

Gentlemen, the Chair awaits your pleasure.

Mr. Lee of Concord offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Thomas J. Leonard of Nashua be elected clerk, Herbert S. Rogers of Wakefield, be elected assistant clerk, Henry O. Jackson of Concord, be elected sergeant-at-arms, and that Samuel Giguere of Manchester, William M. Littlefield of Newcastle, Frank C. Hall of Belmont, Alonzo Bates of Pembroke be elected doorkeepers.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth offered the following resolution and moved its substitution for the resolution offered by Mr. Lee of Concord, and on this motion called for a division:

Resolved, That Harrie M. Young be elected clerk, Bernard W. Carey be elected assistant clerk, Walter J. A. Ward be elected sergeant-at-arms and that George Lawrence, Harry J. Robinson, William W. Pike and Guy S. Neal be elected doorkeepers.

A division being ordered, 234 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 124 gentlemen voted in the negative and the motion to substitute prevailed.

The question being on the resolution offered by Mr. Wood of Portsmouth,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted and Harrie M. Young and Bernard W. Carey were declared

elected clerk and assistant clerk, respectively, for the ensuing two years.

Harrie M. Young and Bernard W. Carey then appeared and were duly qualified by taking the oath as clerk and assistant clerk, respectively.

HARRIE M. YOUNG,
Clerk for 1915-16.

Walter J. A. Ward was declared elected sergeant-at-arms, and George Lawrence, Harry J. Robinson, William W. Pike and Guy S. Neal were declared elected doorkeepers for the ensuing two years.

The above named, with the exception of Mr. Pike, then appeared and qualified for their respective positions by taking the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Lewis of Amherst,—

Resolved, That the Honorable Senate be informed that the House of Representatives has organized by the election of Arthur P. Morrill as Speaker, Harrie M. Young as clerk, Bernard W. Carey as assistant clerk, and Walter J. A. Ward as sergeant-at-arms, and is now ready to proceed with the business of the session.

On motion of Mr. Pender of Portsmouth,—

Resolved, That the rules of the last House be the rules for the present session until otherwise ordered by the House.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter,—

Resolved, That a committee of ten members, one from each county, be appointed by the Chair to select some suitable person to act as chaplain during the present session of the Legislature and report such selection to the House for its consideration.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough,—

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to secure the services of two stenographers for the use of the Speaker and clerks and one for the use of the members and for committee hearings.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House is hereby authorized to appoint the following employees of the House:

One custodian of mail and supplies, one warden of coat room, one assistant warden of coat room, one library messenger, one telephone messenger, five pages of the House and one page to the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord,—

Resolved, That unless otherwise ordered, the hours of assembling of the House be 11 o'clock in the forenoon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon until January 24.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Plymouth,—

Resolved, That the drawing of seats be made a special order for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That the Honorable Senate be informed that the House of Representatives will be ready to meet the Senate in joint convention for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Governor and Councilors, agreeably to the provisions of the constitution, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate, having assembled, had organized by the choice of Jesse M. Barton as President, Earle C. Gordon as clerk, Thomas P. Cheney as assistant clerk, William H. Knox as sergeant-at-arms, Bernard B. Chase as messenger, Clarence S. Forsaith as doorkeeper, and is now ready to proceed with the business of the session.

On motion of Mr. Dodge of Laconia, at 12.33 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 2 o'clock.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Berry of Rye and Boutwell of Manchester were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

Messrs. Rogers of Wakefield and Hodsdon of Ossipee,

Nowell of Exeter and Holmes of Greenland, were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Brennan of Peterborough,—

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' Hall be granted the New Hampshire State Conference of Charities and Correction on the evening of Tuesday, January 16, for a public meeting.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Bell of Exeter called for the special order, it being the drawing of seats.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester,—

Resolved, That Messrs. French of Moultonborough, Brennan of Peterborough, Ahern of Concord, Crawford of Manchester, Callahan of Keene, Roukey of Manchester, Conner of Bristol and the chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, when appointed, be privileged to select seats prior to the drawing of seats by the remaining members.

The Speaker stated that the clerk would draw seats for the absent members.

The House then proceeded with the drawing of seats.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives be informed that the Senate will be ready to meet the House of Representatives in joint convention for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Governor and Councilors, agreeably to the provisions of the constitution, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Emerson of Hanover,—

Resolved, That the use of the General Committee Room

be granted to the New Hampshire Bankers' Association for the afternoon of Friday, January 26, 1917.

IN CONVENTION.

The Honorable Senate then came in and the two branches being in convention,

On motion of Mr. Connor of Manchester,—

Resolved, That the Honorable Secretary of State be requested to lay before the convention the return of the votes for Governor and Councilors cast in the last election.

The Honorable Secretary of State then appeared and laid before the convention the return of the votes for Governor and Councilors cast in the last election.

On motion of Senator Stanley of District No. 3,—

Resolved, That the votes for Governor and Councilors be referred to a committee consisting of one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House, to examine, compare and count the same, and report thereon.

The chairman named as such committee, Senator Stanley of District No. 3 and Messrs. Leach of Concord and Tilton of Tilton.

On motion of Senator Page of District No. 24,—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to wait upon His Excellency, Rolland H. Spaulding, Governor, and inform him that a quorum of each branch of the Legislature has assembled and completed its organization and is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The chairman named as such committee, Senator Page of District No. 24 and Messrs. Burlingame of Manchester, Noyes of Claremont, Murchie of Concord and Babson of Berlin.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

Senator Stanley of District No. 3, for the joint committee to whom was referred the returns of the votes cast for Governor and Councilors at the last biennial election,

reported that they had examined, compared and counted the same, with the following result:

FOR GOVERNOR.

Henry W. Keyes had	45,899
John C. Hutchins had	38,853
William H. Wilkins had	1,199
Ralph E. Meras had	288
Scattering	3

and Henry W. Keyes, having a plurality of all the votes cast, is elected governor for the ensuing two years.

FOR COUNCILORS.

District No. 1.

Miles W. Gray had	9,901
Alonzo D. Barrett had	8,272
Charles A. Hobbs had	240
John C. Berry had	51
Scattering	1

and Miles W. Gray, having a plurality of all the votes cast, is elected councilor for the ensuing two years.

District No. 2.

Charles W. Varney had	9,610
John G. Parsons had	7,990

and Charles W. Varney, having a plurality of all the votes cast, is elected councilor for the ensuing two years.

District No. 3.

Frank W. Leeman had	6,199
Moise Verrette had	6,461
William S. Cooper had	331

and Moise Verrette, having a plurality of all the votes cast, is elected councilor for the ensuing two years.

District No. 4.

William D. Swart had	8,758
John W. Prentiss had	6,903
Albert S. Heaton had	234

and William D. Swart, having a plurality of all the votes cast, is elected councilor for the ensuing two years.

District No. 5.

Edward H. Carroll had	10,124
David E. Murphy had	8,387
Leon Hall had	226

and Edward H. Carroll, having a plurality of all the votes cast, is elected councilor for the ensuing two years.

Senator Page of District No. 24 reported that the committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, Rolland H. Spaulding, Governor, had attended to that duty and that His Excellency the Governor had a communication which he desired to make.

The Governor, attended by the Honorable Council, appeared and made the following address:

Members of the General Court of 1917:

You have informed me that your organization has been completed and that you are in readiness to receive any communication I may be pleased to make.

It is not my intention to occupy your time at any great length with a description of the activities of the state government during the past two years; nor to go into detail as to present conditions in the various state departments.

I shall not encroach upon the province of my successor by endeavoring to direct the general or specific course of your legislation.

But it does seem to me to be my duty as well as my privilege to tell you some things which two years as Governor have brought me to believe in regard to the best interests of the State of New Hampshire.

In my inaugural message of January 7, 1915, I expressed the hope that the affairs of the state might be administered as a business proposition.

That has been my constant endeavor in the two years of my administration; and I think that the results as submitted to you in the reports of the state treasurer and other officials, will show that the ideal has been, to some extent, at least, attained.

The fact that the state's fiscal year does not coincide with the calendar year, but ends August 31, must be taken into consideration. So far as state finances are concerned, my administration really began September 1, 1915, and will end September 1, 1917.

For that period New Hampshire's expenditures will not have exceeded her revenues. On the contrary, we shall have gained some ground. Our state is better off today, financially, than it was two years ago. It is one of the few states in the Union that has not gone farther into debt during that time.

We have tried to make every dollar do the work of one hundred cents. How far we have succeeded is for the people to judge.

At the same time we have not been niggardly in regard to our state institutions and our state expenses in general. We do not need to be and we should not be in the future.

We must take good care of our wards. We must have good schools and good roads. The things which it is necessary for us to do, we can afford to do and we should do and do without complaining.

As an *ex-officio* member of the boards of trustees of the State College, the state normal schools and Dartmouth College, I have attended the meetings of those boards and have become acquainted with the work those institutions are doing, so that I can appreciate fully its value.

I have taken personal part in making up the State College and normal school budgets which will be submitted to you for your approval, and equally as a citizen, an executive

and a business man I believe that the appropriations asked for are reasonable and right and should be granted.

There are now at the New Hampshire College nearly 700 students, of whom 67 per cent were born in New Hampshire and 86 per cent are residents of New Hampshire. Of the total number of graduates in agriculture for the past fifteen years 60 per cent have remained in New Hampshire; and of the two-year-course graduates 81 per cent.

As the registrar of the college says in his annual report of these figures: "They show that we are reaching the hard-working young men and women and that they are making good both while at college and after graduation. They show that we are not engaged in the work of training men for professions in some far cities, but that the product of the school is going back into New Hampshire and into the rural districts from which they came."

In other words, the boys and girls are repaying the state richly for their education.

The great growth and splendid work of the State College do not lessen our debt or detract from our duty to Dartmouth College, and I believe it will be financially possible and a measure of justice to restore the state appropriation for Dartmouth to its former figure of \$20,000 a year.

A few considerations as to the state's future policy, financial and otherwise, have impressed me as important and worthy of your attention:

The state carries no insurance upon its property. Therefore, it should set aside the amount which it would pay for insurance as a nest egg in the case of fires such as that which destroyed the large barn at the institution for the feeble-minded in Laconia last year.

Most of the state institutions have been inspected thoroughly during the past year by an expert on fire hazards, and the valuable suggestions which he made have been complied with in large part, so that the fire risks in these plants should be less now than ever before.

I believe that the state's policy in the past in regard to its trust funds has not been a wise one.

Those trust funds have been used up for current expenses and the amount of the income which would have been derived from them has been made a permanent charge upon the state treasury for which the people must be taxed forever, creating a liability that is an undeserved burden upon future generations.

During the past year the governor and council have made what we regard as a very satisfactory settlement with the other heirs of the late John Nesmith of Lowell, Mass., whereby the sum of \$80,000 has been paid to the State of New Hampshire, the income to be used for the benefit of the indigent blind of the state.

If the custom of the past is followed, this money will soon go out of the state treasury in payment of the running expenses of the state government, leaving behind only the obligation to raise some thousands of dollars every year in order to provide the required aid for the objects of John Nesmith's generosity.

I believe that \$80,000 should be set aside definitely, invested in certain designated securities and the income applied to the purposes of the bequest. I believe this policy should be followed henceforth in regard to all state trust funds and I hope you will give the matter your earnest attention.

Such action on the part of the state would set a desirable example for our cities and towns; and in this connection I bespeak your very careful consideration of a report which will be made to you by the state tax commission of its investigation into municipal finance and accounting in New Hampshire.

I believe it to be one of the most valuable pieces of work ever done by a state department; and I am proud that it should have had its origin in a recommendation of my inaugural message in which it was said:

"For the welfare and good repute of our commonwealth, it is necessary that not only the state's financial affairs, but those of the cities and towns, also, should be administered with good business methods. Are the cities and

towns providing a sinking fund as required by the law to meet their bonded indebtedness as it becomes due? Have they any floating indebtedness in the nature of demand notes, and if so, how much, and for what purpose borrowed? Are their trust funds kept separate, or are they expended for current bills, the town merely assuming the payment of interest on them? Are the books of the cities and towns properly kept, so that an intelligent idea of their financial condition can be obtained easily?

"I recommend that this whole matter be investigated, either by a special committee or by the tax commission, and that such legislation on the subject as may be found necessary be recommended to the next General Court."

Such investigation was authorized by the Legislature of 1915 and was made by the state tax commission and its assistant, Mr. Edward C. Mabie.

It was found that unsound financial practices prevail to an almost alarming extent in New Hampshire municipalities. That no effective limit is placed upon the amount of indebtedness; that no provision for the ultimate payment of indebtedness is made in many instances and only inadequate provision in others; that the wise rule that bonds should not be issued for a longer period than the life of the improvement whose cost they are to defray, is too often neglected.

Following the recommendation in the inaugural message, the Legislature of 1915 passed an act, dealing with the trust fund situation in towns, which has much improved conditions in that respect, the commission finds, but which needs to be perfected and enforced.

An almost entire lack of uniformity in municipal accounting was discovered; but steps immediately taken to remedy this situation have had excellent success and it is to be hoped that the good work will go on without interruption. The result will be economy substituted for waste, knowledge for ignorance and credit for distrust. By following this policy the ultimate result must be an addition in the aggre-

gate of hundreds of thousands of dollars to the financial strength of the cities and towns of the state.

I am sure that you will give earnest attention to this report of the tax commission and to its recommendations. It may seem to you wise to give the tax commission power to compel the adoption of a uniform system of accounting throughout the state and to require some sort of supervision by the commission of the investment of trust funds and the issue of bonds.

Personally, I am so impressed with the importance of this matter that I should be in favor of such amendment of the laws or even of the constitution, if that is necessary, as to make it impossible for the state or any of its municipal units to issue other than serial bonds.

Highway problems continue to be among the most important and interesting connected with the state administration. I am confident that good work has been done by the state highway department during the past two years and the governor and council feel well satisfied with the result of their practical exemplification of civil service by promoting a man in the department to fill the vacancy caused by the death of its chief.

The national highway aid law makes available to New Hampshire an increasing annual appropriation from the national treasury if certain conditions are met by the state. Believing it to be the part of wisdom for the state to do this, I have gone as far on this line as was possible without legislative action; and I hope you will see your way clear to confirming my action and pledging the state's full co-operation with the nation in the future.

The recent election brought to light the fact that there was no law upon the statute books under which the votes of the state's soldiers out of the state in the service of the country could be cast and counted. It did not seem to me advisable to call an extra session of the Legislature to pass such a law; but certainly this should be done by this General Court.

In the course of proceedings after the election it was made

evident that while election officials in New Hampshire are in general very accurate in their counting and declaration of votes, they do not in many cases live up as carefully as they should to the provisions of the law covering the care of ballots and the making of the required official returns.

You can consider whether any additional legislation is needed on this head or merely a more strict enforcement of existing statutes.

When the time came for the state to make a new contract with the Boston & Maine Railroad for the transportation of you gentlemen, and of certain state officials, I examined the matter carefully and became convinced that I ought not to ask the railroad to renew the contract at the old figure, a lower rate than is being granted to any other patrons of the road under similar conditions.

I did not think the state ought to be put in the position of asking and receiving a favor from the railroad.

Therefore, at my request, the secretary of state arranged with the railroad for the issuance on the state's account of regular instead of special tickets, on the same terms given to the general public for the same kind and amount of service. This increases the cost to the state, but I cannot feel that any other course would have been just and right.

The conditions under which most of these tickets are issued are such, that the more often you use them the less is the proportionate cost of travel. So that, if you should improve upon the record of recent Legislatures and work four days, or even three days, a week, the cost for transportation would not be much more than in the past; and would be more than made up by the saving to the state in the lessened length of the session.

At the session of 1915 I was impressed with the way in which the Judiciary Committees of the House and Senate were overworked, while some of the other committees had little or nothing to do. There are among you many veteran legislators who can speak with more authority than I can as to the possibility of improving this condition by a more

general distribution of business or by the creation of two judiciary committees.

It is apparent that you gentlemen will have an unusual amount of important business brought before you for consideration at this session of the Legislature. I am sure that in acting upon it you will regard only the best interests of the state you have sworn to serve.

This has been the one principle upon which the occupant of the executive chair during the past two years has endeavored to act. The oath of office which I took in January, 1915, never has been absent from my mind while I have transacted the state's business; and I have tried in every instance of an appointment to office to secure for the state's service or to retain in it men who would serve the commonwealth ably and devotedly.

On motion of Senator Hardy of District No. 12,—

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to wait upon the Hon. Henry W. Keyes and inform him officially of his election as Governor of the State of New Hampshire, and that the Senate and House of Representatives are ready to receive any communication from His Excellency at such time as he may desire.

The chairman named as such committee, Senators Hardy of District No. 12 and Martin of District No. 15, and Messrs. Fairbanks of Manchester, Wheeler of Nashua and Wesley of Dover.

On motion of Mr. Webster of Holderness,—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to wait upon Miles W. Gray, Charles W. Varney, Moise Verrette, William D. Swart and Edward H. Carroll and inform them officially of their election to the Honorable Council.

The chairman named as such committee, Mr. Webster of Holderness, Senator Weeks of District No. 4 and Mr. Badger of Portsmouth.

On motion of Senator Baker of District No. 9, the convention rose.

HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That the sergeant-at-arms of the House be instructed to procure and furnish to each member of the House and officers thereof, during the session, two daily newspapers, published in the state, each member and officer to choose the papers he desires to have, and indicate the same to the sergeant-at-arms forthwith.

On motion of Mr. Noyes of Claremont,—

Resolved, That the clerk of the House be instructed to procure as soon as possible, 2,000 copies of the Legislature manual, in substantially the same form as in 1915, in leather binding, for the use of the House and Senate and the Executive Department.

Doorkeeper William W. Pike then appeared and qualified for his position by taking the oath of office.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 3.52 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Edwin B. Young of Grasmere.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Kimball of Marlborough was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Mr. Birch of Lyman was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of a death in his family.

Messrs. Gilson of Charlestown and Kidder of Rumney were granted leave of absence for next Tuesday on account of important business.

Messrs. Thomas of Tuftonborough and Clark of Beth-

lehem were granted leave of absence until able to attend, on account of sickness.

Mr. Raiche of Manchester was granted leave of absence until January 18 on account of important business.

The Speaker announced the following standing committees of the House.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE.

Agriculture.—Rogers of Plainfield, Woodman of Milford, Leavitt of Meredith, Beaman of Cornish, McDaniel of Barrington, Towle of Epsom, Abbott of Wilton, Sawyer of Atkinson, Symonds of Harrisville, Gould of Hopkinton, Dimmock of Sandown, Eastman of Weare, Cole of Stark, Davis of Sutton, Torsey of New Hampton.

Agricultural College.—Beaman of Cornish, Bailey of Haverhill, Dockham of Manchester, Emerson of Hampstead, Sanborn of Gilford, Libby of Manchester, Gillingham of Chester, Spaulding of Keene, Chamberlain of Milton, Robertson of Hinsdale, Davis of Durham, Curtis of Concord, Connor of Manchester, Clark of Acworth, Brown of Kensington.

Appropriations.—French of Moultonborough, Fairbanks of Manchester, Duffy of Franklin, Thomas of Farmington, Goodwin of Wolfeboro, Morrill of Center Harbor, Webster of Holderness, Tuttle of Keene, Mallalieu of Milford, Boucher of Northumberland, Moulton of Lisbon, Ahern of Concord, George of Gorham, Woodbury of Pelham, Gardner of Sunapee.

Banks.—Dole of Concord, Fairbanks of Newport, Jones of Manchester, Gilson of Charlestown, Kendall of Nashua, Noyes of Claremont, Wellman of Keene, Walbridge of Peterborough, Rice of Rindge, Robertson of Hinsdale, Stanley of Piermont, Conner of Bristol, Kinne of Littleton, Kimball of Stratford, Allen of Lebanon.

Claims.—Crosby of Manchester, Bilodeau of Rochester, Towle of Northwood, Holbrook of Concord, Holmes of Greenland, Lowe of Laconia, Truland of Lancaster, Bartlett of Goffstown, Conway of Richmond, Priest of Newmarket,

Clough of Bow, Smyth of Berlin, Eastman of Orange, Hoyt of Concord, Mahoney of Manchester.

County Affairs.—Hoyt of Hanover, Buxton of Salem, Gross of Croydon, Reed of Unity, Gilmore of Epping, Gillingham of Chester, Kelley of Hill, Prime of Manchester, Colby of Webster, Brogan of Plymouth, Eastman of Andover, Boynton of Jaffrey, Nichols of Lempster, Richardson of Derry, Janelle of Ward 13, Manchester.

Education.—Emerson of Hanover, Morrison of Orford, Challis of Manchester, Sanderson of Portsmouth, Kimball of Marlborough, Lewis of Amherst, Haseltine of Merrimack, Lowe of Randolph, Towle of Northwood, Morse of Nashua, Hargraves of Nashua, Kimball of Stratford, Carter of Conway, Faulkner of Swanzey, Roukey of Manchester.

Elections.—French of Nashua, Truland of Lancaster, White of Eaton, Stratton of Hollis, Beane of Concord, Willard of Winchester, Grenier of Manchester, Morang of Dover, Bunton of Manchester, Murchie of Concord, Parent of Manchester, Keenan of Concord, Balch of Henniker, McCarthy of Manchester, Soule of Portsmouth.

Fisheries and Game.—Bell of Plymouth, Keyser of Haverhill, Shute of Exeter, Downs of Portsmouth, Bailey of Manchester, Scannell of Manchester, Spring of Laconia, Cole of Manchester, Wheeler of Nashua, Horne of Rochester, Kidder of Rumney, Thomas of Claremont, Fellows of Franklin, Blanchard of Sandwich, McHugh of Gorham.

Forestry.—Libby of Wolfeboro, Woodman of Milford, Parker of Kingston, Hill of Plaistow, Glines of Canterbury, Nelson of Manchester, Shattuck of Nashua, Trask of Colebrook, Woods of Milan, Hopkins of Greenfield, White of Antrim, Gray of Alexandria, Mousley of Langdon, Sanborn of Salisbury, Dimmock of Sandown.

Incorporations.—Battles of Newton, Whittaker of Mason, Moore of Lisbon, Johnson of Laconia, Davis of Manchester, Thompson of Wilmot, Beane of Concord, Eastman of Allentown, French of Bedford, Sullivan of Ward 6, Nashua, McGreevy of Manchester, Ravenelle of Nashua, Kinne of Littleton, Harlan of Manchester, McLaughlin of Nashua.

Industrial School.—Smith of Manchester, Sanborn of Laconia, Whitman of Westmoreland, Lambert of Berlin, Leighton of Exeter, Wheeler of Manchester, Foisie of Nashua, Wiggin of Manchester, Brooks of Stewartstown, Dodge of Laconia, Sullivan of Ward 5, Nashua, Gould of Claremont, Boisvert of Greenville, Mulvanity of Nashua, Sanborn of Franconia.

Insurance.—Pender of Portsmouth, Putnam of Manchester, Perry of Keene, Kendall of Nashua, Ryder of Manchester, Hook of Warner, Lane of Walpole, Carr of Dover, Berry of Manchester, Richard of Nashua, Riendeau of Nashua, Merrow of Freedom, Lang of Candia, Tilton of East Kingston, Janelle of Ward 12, Manchester.

Judiciary.—Couch of Concord, Bartlett of Portsmouth, Huntress of Keene, French of Nashua, Bell of Exeter, Wright of Sanbornton, Leach of Concord, Crawford of Manchester, Shannon of Laconia, Thompson of Jackson, Brennan of Peterborough, Tilton of Tilton, Murchie of Concord, Rogers of Wakefield, Collins of Lebanon.

Labor.—Callahan of Keene, Robie of Campton, Whitten of Laconia, Dickey of Portsmouth, Newell of Manchester, Ham of Farmington, Pollard of Conway, Evans of Concord, Sawyer of Woodstock, Wesley of Dover, Mathes of Newmarket, Gannon of Concord, Barry of Manchester, Cunningham of Franklin, Rice of Manchester.

Liquor Laws.—Hook of Warner, Dodge of Raymond, Gilman of Madison, Sanborn of Gilford, Scannell of Manchester, Cole of Manchester, Childs of Hillsborough, Rositer of Claremont, Keyser of Haverhill, Badger of Portsmouth, Burns of Carroll, Gannon of Concord, Smith of Tamworth, Richard of Nashua, Davis of Sutton.

Manufactures.—Haseltine of Merrimack, Duffy of Franklin, Snow of Whitefield, Miville of Manchester, Morang of Dover, Newell of Manchester, Barney of Grafton, Brown of Dalton, Lucey of Somersworth, Smith of Tamworth, Sullivan of Manchester, Baker of Ashland, Griffin of Auburn, Rice of Manchester, Perron of Somersworth.

Mileage.—Philbrick of Springfield, Munsey of Laconia,

Butler of Haverhill, Finley of Colebrook, Graf of Manchester, Eaton of Bennington, White of Eaton, Goodboo of Groton, Hough of Lebanon, Clark of Concord, Jacques of Somersworth, Clark of Acworth, Birch of Lyman, Ready of Manchester, Marston of North Hampton.

Military Affairs.—McKay of Manchester, Raiche of Manchester, Wright of Concord, Riley of Dover, Challis of Manchester, Sanderson of Portsmouth, Bergquist of Berlin, Shattuck of Nashua, Munsey of Laconia, Powell of Nashua, Letourneau of Berlin, Horne of Derry, Donnelly of Manchester, Kidder of Rumney, Keenan of Concord.

National Affairs.—Clough of Alton, Sanborn of Deerfield, Sampson of Rochester, Philbrick of Springfield, Bartlett of Pittsfield, Page of Gilmanton, Smart of Goshen, French of Lebanon, Lizotte of Manchester, Kelley of Manchester, Corrigan of Bradford, Georgi of Pembroke, Proulx of Franklin, Banks of Gilsum, Collins of Manchester.

Normal School.—Rice of Keene, Brown of Hudson, Hall of Manchester, Burbank of Berlin, Merrill of Pittsburg, Peterson of Manchester, Lawrence of Hooksett, Davis of Lee, Alton of Lincoln, Stackhouse of Derry, Brogan of Plymouth, Lang of Candia, Eastman of Orange, Thomas of Tuftonborough, Shaughnessy of Manchester.

Public Health.—Boutwell of Manchester, Hodsdon of Ossipee, Emerson of Hanover, Libby of Wolfeboro, Marden of New Boston, Stevens of Francestown, Lear of Newbury, Dunnington of Manchester, McFarland of Northumberland, Mousley of Langdon, Gaudreau of Somersworth, Gilmore of Epping, Taylor of Concord, Gardner of Sunapee, Clark of Bethlehem.

Public Improvements.—Barnes of Lyme, Marshall of Dover, Nowell of Exeter, Sawyer of Woodstock, Mason of Dublin, Kendall of Milford, Sayers of Manchester, Rossiter of Claremont, Greeley of Londonderry, Badger of Portsmouth, Dodge of Laconia, Barnard of Stratham, Pridham of Newcastle, Cotton of Belmont, Boynton of Jaffrey.

Railroads.—Fairbanks of Newport, Clough of Alton, Bassett of Fremont, Marshall of Dover, Cater of Strafford,

Putnam of Manchester, McKay of Manchester, Wright of Concord, Childs of Hillsborough, Barnard of Stratham, Sanborn of Franconia, Gould of Hopkinton, Qualters of Winchester, Metcalf of Alstead, Richardson of Littleton.

Retrenchment and Reform.—Burlingame of Manchester, Dickey of Portsmouth, Smith of Brentwood, Whitney of Barnstead, Dana of Franklin, Gleason of Mont Vernon, Smith of Deering, ——— of Washington, ——— of Bath, McCarthy of Somersworth, Stewart of Manchester, Burns of Nashua, Stillings of Bartlett, Gonya of Berlin, Pepin of Nashua.

Revision of the Statutes.—Shaw of Canaan, Farley of Manchester, Wood of Portsmouth, Dupont of Berlin, Winant of Concord, Shute of Exeter, Townsend of Jaffrey, Sanborn of Chichester, Hubbard of Boscawen, Cummings of Littleton, Glynn of Manchester, Merrow of Freedom, Bugbee of Claremont, Batchelder of Hampton, Carter of Conway.

Roads, Bridges and Canals.—McDaniel of Nottingham, Gay of Hillsborough, Gordon of Goffstown, Cole of Rochester, Cater of Strafford, Smart of Dover, Leavitt of Effingham, Battles of Newton, Angell of Newport, Page of Tilton, Burns of Carroll, Philpott of Rollinsford, Foote of Seabrook, Batchelder of Hampton, Richardson of Littleton.

School for Feeble-minded.—Seaverns of Laconia, Philbrook of Shelburne, Little of Warren, Haigh of Salem, French of Bedford, Pearson of Laconia, Damon of Fitzwilliam, Meader of Rochester, Bailey of Windham, Bradeen of Wentworth, Turcotte of Newmarket, Casey of Portsmouth, Gagne of Berlin, Tebbetts of Rochester, Landers of Walpole.

Soldiers' Home.—Gordon of New Ipswich, Horne of Rochester, Walton of Hampton Falls, Gilman of Madison, Bennett of Dover, Haskell of Lebanon, Bailey of Haverhill, Berry of Rye, Eastman of Jefferson, Dean of Danbury, Sanborn of Salisbury, Larouche of Nashua, Soucy of Nashua, Dodge of Raymond, Balch of Henniker.

State Hospital.—Hodsdon of Ossipee, Woodbury of Man-

chester, Bailey of Lancaster, Hebert of Manchester, Foss of Dover, Pollard of Conway, Bartlett of Manchester, Burnham of Dunbarton, Jenkins of Loudon, Lee of Concord, Wesley of Dover, Moulton of Lisbon, Babson of Berlin, Conner of Bristol, Ellinwood of Hancock.

State Prison.—Rice of Rindge, Bunton of Manchester, Hubbard of Rochester, Whitten of Laconia, Reed of Unity, Robinson of Manchester, Laffee of Enfield, Congdon of Lancaster, Burlingame of Manchester, Clark of Bethlehem, Page of Tilton, DeLacombe of Nashua, Murphy of Rollinsford, Gagne of Somersworth, Mason of Troy.

Towns.—Gray of Columbia, Adams of New London, Hazeltine of Thornton, Provost of Manchester, Eastman of Allenstown, Corey of Brookline, Barney of Grafton, Randall of Chesterfield, Tarbell of Lyndeborough, Wheeler of Derry, Tilton of East Kingston, Cutler of Pittsfield, Bates of Pembroke, Gonya of Berlin, Gaudreau of Nashua.

Unfinished Business.—Ham of Farmington, McFayden of Dover, Brooks of Stewartstown, Maxfield of Rochester, Willard of Winchester, Findley of Colebrook, Downs of Portsmouth, Farley of Manchester, Eastman of Jefferson, Gray of Alexandria, Hargraves of Nashua, Aubin of Berlin, Chandler of Claremont, Stackhouse of Derry, Fremeau of Pembroke.

Ways and Means.—Stratton of Hollis, Davis of Marlow, Poole of Conway, Wendell of Dover, Evans of Concord, McIntosh of Dover, Lane of Walpole, Smith of Northfield, Dodge of Newport, Qualters of Winchester, Lee of Concord, Connor of Manchester, Horan of Manchester, Warren of Keene, Emerson of Madbury.

Rules.—The Speaker, French of Moultonborough, Ahern of Concord, Bell of Exeter, Brennan of Peterborough.

Journal of the House.—The Speaker, Smith of Manchester, Marston of North Hampton.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Engrossed Bills.—Wood of Portsmouth, Hoyt of Concord.

State House and State House Yard.—Winant of Concord, Hall of Manchester, Georgi of Pembroke.

State Library.—Marden of New Boston, Berry of Manchester, Curtis of Concord.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the morning session, January 3, the Speaker announced the following committee to select a chaplain:

Rockingham, Bell of Exeter; Strafford, Thomas of Farmington; Belknap, Tilton of Tilton; Carroll, French of Moultonborough; Merrimack, Couch of Concord; Hillsborough, Gordon of Goffstown; Cheshire, Callahan of Keene; Sullivan, Rossiter of Claremont; Grafton, Emerson of Hanover; Coös, Dupont of Berlin.

Pursuant to a resolution passed at the morning session of January 3 the Speaker announced the following appointments:

Custodian of mail and supplies, Oscar Nims of Keene; warden of coat room, Edwin L. Dickerson of Lisbon; assistant warden of coat room, George A. Kemp of Concord; library messenger, Fred W. Lamb of Manchester; telephone messenger, Mott L. Bartlett of Sunapee.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin,—

Resolved, That the Honorable Senate be notified that the House of Representatives will be ready to meet the Senate in joint convention at 12 o'clock for the purpose of receiving His Excellency, the Governor, and any communication he may be pleased to make, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such convention.

On motion of Mr. Brennan of Peterborough,—

Resolved, That the committee on rules, with such members as the Senate may join, be a committee on joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning, it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and when the House adjourns tomorrow morning, it adjourn to meet on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That the Committee on Judiciary be and hereby is authorized to employ the services of a stenographer and a messenger.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord,—

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee of three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to make the necessary assignment of rooms for the presiding officers and committees of the House and Senate, and to report said assignments to the House and Senate as early as possible.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Ahern of Concord, Couch of Concord and French of Moultonborough.

On motion of Mr. Thomas of Farmington,—

Resolved, That a committee of ten members be appointed, one from each county, to consider the apportionment of public taxes.

Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, This House has learned with sincere sorrow of the death of Representative Patrick McGreevy of Ward 5, Manchester,

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint a committee of three to draw up suitable resolutions to be presented to the House.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Fairbanks of Manchester, Bartlett of Portsmouth and Brennan of Peterborough.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representative

concurring, That the joint rules of the last Legislature be the joint rules of this Legislature, until otherwise ordered.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the House concurred in the resolution sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate will be ready to meet the House of Representatives in joint convention as suggested by the House message, at 12 o'clock, noon, for the purpose of receiving His Excellency, the Governor, and any communication he may be pleased to make, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such convention.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Connor of Manchester,—

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint a committee of five to attend the funeral of Representative Patrick McGreevy.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Connor of Manchester, Ready of Manchester, Donnelly of Manchester, Barry of Manchester and Janelle of Ward 12, Manchester.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 11.45 o'clock the House took a recess for ten minutes.

(After recess.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following resolution sent up from the House of Representatives:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee of three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, be appointed to make the necessary assignment of rooms for the presiding officers and committees of the House and Senate, and to report said assignments to the House and Senate as early

as possible, and the President has appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Weeks and Pettingill.

IN CONVENTION.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Honorable Senate then came in and, the two branches being in convention, Senator Hardy of District No. 12, for the committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. Henry W. Keyes and inform him officially of his election as governor of the State of New Hampshire, reported that it had attended to its duty; that the governor-elect had accepted said office, and would meet the Senate and House of Representatives in convention at the earliest convenient time to take the oath of office and make such communication as he deemed proper.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the committee appointed to notify Miles W. Gray, Charles W. Varney, Moise Verrette, William D. Swart and Edward H. Carroll of their election as members of the Honorable Council, reported that it had attended to its duty, and that the gentlemen named accepted the office to which they had been elected.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Senator Maxwell of District No. 16,—

Resolved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three, consisting of one senator and two representatives, to escort the Governor and Governor-elect to the House of Representatives.

The chairman appointed as such committee, Senator Maxwell of District No. 16 and Messrs. Woodbury of Manchester and Tilton of Tilton.

The Governor, Governor-elect and the Honorable Council then came in, and the Honorable Henry W. Keyes, Governor, then took and subscribed the oath of office and the oath of allegiance before the President of the Senate and in the presence of both branches of the Legislature, whereupon the Hon. Jesse M. Barton, President of the Senate, made proclamation as follows:

Henry W. Keyes, having been duly elected Governor of New Hampshire, accepted the office and taken the oath prescribed by the constitution, I do therefore declare and proclaim His Excellency, Henry W. Keyes, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, to hold the office during the period prescribed by the constitution and laws of the state, and I present Your Excellency with a copy of the constitution of the state as a guide in the discharge of your official duties.

His Excellency then read the following message:

Senators and Members of the House of Representatives:

We are assembled in this historic capitol to enact new laws, to repeal old laws and to amend existing statutes, to such an extent and in such ways as will conserve the best interests of the State of New Hampshire.

Many important matters demand our attention and require careful, thoughtful, thorough investigation and consideration before final action is taken upon them.

Above all things, let us try to avoid hasty, imperfect, half-done legislation.

At the same time, it is the desire of the people, and I am sure that it is our desire as well, that the duration of this session should be reasonably brief.

Slowly, but surely, the number of working days in each legislative week has been reduced, until, in recent years, it has not been possible to depend upon the presence in the House of enough members for the transaction of business on more than two full days of each week.

The time has come to check this tendency.

It also is desirable that the consideration of the more important items of legislation should be begun early in the session and pressed to a decision, so that there may not be a dangerous congestion of business just before final adjournment.

PROGRESSIVE MEASURES.

During the past decade, New Hampshire has made an admirable record for constructive and progressive legisla-

tion. Our state has been in the front rank as regards the enactment of laws for clean politics, good government and the welfare of all the people.

But we must not rest content with what has been done.

In the state's business, as in our own, we always must be alert for new ideas, needed improvements, increased efficiency. Surer justice and higher standards must be our continuing aim.

Several lines of activity and progress in other states have come to my notice, which I will mention as worthy of your attention, although I am not prepared to make specific recommendations in regard to them at this time.

At the recent conference of governors in Washington, one of the principal topics discussed was the executive budget, a schedule of needed appropriations, compared with probable revenue, to be carefully prepared by the governor and his advisers and submitted at the beginning of the session for the use and advice of the Legislature in its duty of levying taxes and authorizing expenditures.

An interesting and thorough study of this idea has been made in the State of Maryland under the direction of President Goodnow of Johns Hopkins University, and the plan there adopted might well be the subject of your consideration here.

The short ballot is meeting with increasing favor throughout the country. New Hampshire stands in less need of this reform than do some other states, but you may find some of its principles worthy of application here.

During the past year there has been a remarkable development of interest in universal workmen's health insurance in this country. In January, 1916, the first bills were introduced in three states, and in two of the states, California and Massachusetts, official commissions will report in favor of health insurance legislation this year.

Reliable statistics show that each of the thirty million wage-earners in this country loses on an average nine days a year from sickness at a cost for medical attendance of \$180,000,000 a year and a loss of wages of \$500,000,000.

This tremendous tax upon slender resources certainly presents a problem that demands attention.

Efficiency and economy commissions have accomplished useful results in several states during the recent past. There may be a field for such an investigation in New Hampshire.

The further extension of suffrage to women is a question demanding and deserving our attention. It is safe to say that you will be fully supplied with information and will have heard able and comprehensive arguments on both sides of the question, before you are called upon to vote in the matter. From your verdict, as finally rendered, the executive does not expect to dissent.

Upon some subjects of social and economic progress, the public opinion of the state, which you here represent, seems to have crystallized favorably for immediate action.

I believe that the hours of labor for women and children should be limited to 54 hours a week by action of this Legislature.

I believe you should pass a law for factory inspection, providing for the safeguarding of dangerous machinery and creating better working conditions. One of the inspectors under this law should be a woman with practical knowledge of the conditions under which women work in the mills and factories of New Hampshire.

Such a law might be expected to be a great factor in the elimination of industrial accidents and would place New Hampshire on the same footing in this respect as the other New England states.

The practical application of our workmen's compensation and employers' liability law does not give satisfaction. It should be so amended as to bring about more prompt determination of claims, particularly the smaller claims, and the elimination of a too great burden of expense upon the workman in securing his rights. An equitable distribution of the cost of industrial accidents is the end to be sought.

Further progress in the great movement for child welfare is desirable; and I hope you will look with favor upon bills

which will be presented to you, providing for the control by the state board of charities of the placing of dependent children in private homes and their supervision in those homes; also, the amendment of the juvenile court law, so that neglected children can be committed by the court directly into the care of the state board. This subject of child welfare should be very near to every heart and should be promoted in every practical way possible to legislation.

STATE DEPARTMENTS.

I will not go into detail at this time in regard to the condition of the state treasury or the work of the different departments of the state government. The reports of their various heads will give you full and accurate information, and each and every one of them deserves the careful attention which I ask you to give them.

It is sufficient for me to say now that I believe New Hampshire is fortunate in the character and the ability of the men who administer her various governmental activities. Many of them render service to the state far beyond the financial recompense they receive.

As an excellent example of the good work these departments do, I wish to refer you to the report of the tax commission upon its special investigation, authorized by the Legislature of 1915, into municipal accounting and finance. I hope the citizens of the state generally will acquaint themselves with this document and consider seriously its findings and recommendations; and I hope that you gentlemen will do what you can to assist the towns and cities of the state in putting their finances upon a sounder basis.

It is especially desirable that all municipal accounts be kept with a uniformity which will make them readily available sources of reliable information upon the condition of local finances. The public interests and the public purse will thus be safeguarded as they are not now. If given power of supervision over the keeping of accounts, issue of securities and investment of trust funds by towns and cities,

I am sure the tax commission would exercise that power wisely and to the public benefit.

STATE FINANCES.

The good work done by the Legislature of 1915 in keeping its appropriations within the limits of the state's revenues and the wise economies and good business management of Governor Spaulding and his executive council have resulted in an excellent present condition of New Hampshire finances.

Unlike most other states, we have not gone further into debt during the past two years, but, on the contrary, we have reduced somewhat our net liabilities, and that without neglecting our duty to the state's wards or being parsimonious in any respect.

This Legislature should, and I am sure will, continue the careful economy which underlies our financial good standing.

At the same time, it will be your duty to keep the future as well as the present in mind, and to provide wisely for the New Hampshire of tomorrow as well as of today. This applies particularly to our highways, to our schools and to our state institutions.

We must not put dollars above human welfare. The charitable, correctional and humanitarian institutions which the state has established must be maintained on an efficient and worthy scale; which means, in most cases, an increasing amount of expenditures.

We have learned by experience that the first cost of these institutions is but a bagatelle compared with what comes after; and for this reason we must be conservative in entering upon new lines of this work, however desirable they may seem. There is great need for the segregation of feeble-minded women of child-bearing age, but to what extent we can proceed in this matter at this time is for you to consider and decide.

HIGHWAYS.

The almost universal demand for good roads, and for state aid in their construction and maintenance, when taken in connection with the resources of the state treasury, presents one of our hardest problems.

The present situation, very briefly stated, is this: Six trunk lines, comprising 720 miles of state highways, were supposed to have been completed by the appropriations made by the Legislature of 1915. But because of labor conditions and for other reasons there are still thirty-five miles of these lines to build.

The Legislature of 1915 also laid out for construction eleven new trunk line highways across the state, aggregating 451 miles in length. On these routes 150 miles of state road have been built, under the state aid act.

The state commissioner of highways estimates that all these state roads can be completed in six years by the appropriation of \$200,000 a year, and that does not seem to me too great a burden to assume.

By the provisions of the act of Congress for federal aid in the construction of roads, the State of New Hampshire, if it complies with the prescribed conditions, can secure from the national treasury, in round numbers, twenty thousand dollars for the year 1916, forty thousand dollars for 1917, sixty thousand dollars for 1918, eighty thousand dollars for 1919 and one hundred thousand dollars for 1920.

In order to get this aid, the State of New Hampshire must expend an equal amount, dollar for dollar, from its treasury, upon the same projects. To do this, a special appropriation of \$60,000, to cover the federal aid for 1916 and 1917 will be necessary. After that, the amount to be thus expended is included in the commissioner's estimate of \$200,000 a year.

Governor Spaulding gave such assent as was in his power, prior to the assembling of the Legislature, to this co-operation of state and nation.

While I am upon the subject of roads, let me say that I

believe the time has come for a thorough revision of all the New Hampshire statutes governing the use of our highways. Practically all of these laws were enacted before the days of motor vehicles, and, therefore, in many ways they are not adapted to meet present conditions.

It is especially to be desired that the matter of the liability of towns in case of accidents on the highways be more clearly defined. In this same connection, I would cite with approval the suggestion made to me by the commissioner of motor vehicles for the establishment of such police or inspection service as will better safeguard the users of our highways against the danger from reckless and incompetent operators, and make it more difficult for owners of motor vehicles, both local and foreign, to evade their just share of the burden of maintaining our improved highways.

This suggestion leads naturally to a consideration of the possible necessity for the establishment in New Hampshire of a force of state constabulary.

For a long time, there has been a demand in some sections for such a body of men, limited in number, but expert and efficient in the performance of their duties, who should render both general and specific aid to the local authorities in the enforcement of law and order, and should have certain functions to perform, under the direction of the attorney-general, in connection with the various departments of the state government.

An urgent reason for the creation of such a force would be furnished if the present uncertainty in regard to the future of the National Guard should end with the state authority unsupported by any military force. This contingency is worthy of your consideration.

ABSENTEE VOTING.

From all accounts, our New Hampshire National Guardsmen are doing themselves and their state much credit during their service for the federal government near the Mexican border.

It is deeply to be regretted that these soldiers were dis-

franchised at the recent election; and I am sure that you will enact some legislation at this session which will prevent, in this state, the recurrence of such a condition.

It has been called to my attention that others of our citizens were unable to exercise their right of suffrage on election day because of unavoidable absence from the state; a condition which may arise often for railroad men, commercial travelers, those in the theatrical business, and others. If you find it advisable to pass a general law for absentee voting, such as half a dozen other states now have, you will gain the gratitude of these classes of our citizens.

AGRICULTURE.

I hope some way may be found in which this Legislature can further the agricultural interests of New Hampshire.

It is to me an alarming fact that in the half century from 1860 to 1910, while the population of New England was increasing from 3,110,572 to 6,552,681, the area of improved farm lands under cultivation shrank from 12,215,771 to 7,112,698.

This section of the country should produce its own food supply; but, as a matter of fact, New England is only 25 per cent self-sustaining. The other 75 per cent of its food comes from without its borders.

New Hampshire should feed herself and help to feed Greater Boston. How far we are from doing it you all know.

To use the words of another, "Our manufacturing industries have been built up at the expense of the basic element of all industry,—agriculture. For generations, men of talent have studied how to make the cities greater and more prosperous and have given almost no thought to the people on the farms, without whom the cities would perish."

If New England manufactures are to continue to prosper and if those employed in them are to continue the manner of living to which they have become accustomed, then there must be a greater production of food supplies within easy reach of the manufacturing centers.

This is New England's agricultural opportunity. She has the land, the markets, the people. All she needs is organization, co-operation, inspiration, among the farmers themselves.

The Legislature of 1915 made small appropriations for the encouragement of various branches of agriculture, for agricultural exhibits at fairs, for the state horticultural society, for the assistance of the sheep breeders' association. It was money well spent and I hope that we can do more on these lines this year.

The establishment of a bureau of markets in connection with the state board of agriculture is a suggestion worthy of your careful consideration.

I believe that in our State College at Durham we have a valuable agency for the advancement and uplift of agriculture in New Hampshire. The recent rapid growth of the college and its splendid present condition indicate that it has found its place in our educational system and that its future is assured if the state gives it proper financial support. This, I hope and trust, will be forthcoming.

While it is not a subject for legislative action, it may not be improper for me to express the hope that in some way all the various agencies now seeking earnestly and honestly to benefit New Hampshire agriculture may be brought into effective co-operation.

Such action would be of the greatest benefit to the state.

EDUCATION.

Similarly, I would like to see a closer connection between the three peaks of our educational range, New Hampshire College, Dartmouth College and the public school system of the state.

Of the institution at Durham I have spoken.

Dartmouth College has played a large and honorable and useful part in New Hampshire's past, and the college is a more potent agency today than ever before for the benefit of state and nation.

As a personal friend and admirer of Dartmouth, it will

give me pleasure if you find it possible to restore the state's appropriation for the college to its former figure.

The report of our state superintendent of public instruction is a comprehensive and valuable consideration of the improvement in our schools, what they now are accomplishing, what they still need and what should be done in order to give all our boys and girls a fair start in life. There is in it much material for thought and action on your part.

The fact that 80 per cent of our school children are now under skilled supervision impresses us with the thought that the injustice being done the other 20 per cent of our boys and girls by giving them inferior educational opportunities should be remedied. The best possible schools for all our children, in the country as well as in the city, should be our watchword.

The administration of the mother's aid law by this department has been highly successful and that this measure is useful and beneficial seems assured.

CONSERVATION.

One of our state bureaus which does its excellent work with such quiet efficiency as not to attract the attention which it deserves from the public, is the forestry department. Its appropriations are modest and its beneficial results in protecting our timber supply, reforesting waste areas and on other lines of education and action are worthy of comment.

Just now it is engaged in a battle with the white pine blister rust in which it will need your assistance.

Some changes in the taxation clauses of the constitution of the state are sought by those who are interested in the future of our forests; and doubtless this need was one of the reasons why the people voted in November to instruct this General Court to call such a convention.

While we are thus endeavoring to conserve our forests as they stand, we are doing little or nothing to conserve them after they have been felled and sawed and built into our houses.

Insurance Commissioner Merrill says that while two million dollars worth of property goes up in smoke every year in New Hampshire, very few of these fires ever are properly and thoroughly investigated; such investigation being the necessary first step towards fire prevention. I heartily endorse his recommendation that an appropriation for the investigation of fire losses be given to the insurance department.

A water power survey of the state is another suggestion in the line of conservation which probably will come before you for consideration.

As you will see, I have touched upon only a few of the many problems you will be called upon to solve in the next few weeks.

Some of the most troublesome may make their appearance almost without warning; others which we can foresee are not now in a condition to be considered definitely.

The direct primary election law has not proved entirely satisfactory in its workings. If some change can be made that will give us a system less cumbersome and expensive in operation, it would meet with general approval.

The proposed re-organization of the Boston & Maine Railroad corporation is a matter which affects almost every citizen of New Hampshire in one way or another, and which is of great importance to the state as a state, as well as to its people and its industries.

If legislation is asked of you in this connection, it will be your duty to protect the rights of the state and the property of its citizens, and at the same time to take a broad view of the transportation needs, present and future, of all New England.

Probably there is no more important question before the people of this country today for consideration than that of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor. While we are looking forward to national prohibition as the solution of this problem, my belief, based upon many years of experience on the state license commission, is that for us

to make any radical change at just this time in our present law would be attended by doubtful results.

In conclusion, allow me to congratulate you upon the large number of experienced legislators who are included in your numbers; thus making it possible for the legislative machinery to operate smoothly from the very start.

And I wish to express the hope that at this session of the General Court there may be cordial co-operation between the legislative and executive branches of the state government, with a view to the best interests of the Commonwealth.

To bring this about and to serve the state, and the state alone, to the best of my ability, will be my one purpose.

On motion of Senator Theriault of District No. 13,—

Resolved, That the message of His Excellency, the Governor, be laid upon the table, and the clerk of the House be directed to procure the usual number of printed copies.

On motion of Senator Perley of District No. 5, the convention rose.

HOUSE.

(Mr. Ahern of Concord in the chair.)

Mr. Smith of Northfield having qualified before His Excellency, the Governor, appeared and took his seat as a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Emerson of Hanover, at 1.02 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, at 9.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Conner of Bristol, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Chellis V. Smith of Plais-tow.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Lizotte of Manchester was granted leave of absence for this afternoon on account of important business.

Messrs. Collins of Lebanon and Glines of Canterbury were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Messrs. Rice of Keene and Hebert of Manchester were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Mr. McFarland of Northumberland was granted leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday forenoon on account of important business.

Mr. Griffin of Auburn was granted leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday of next week on account of important business.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Bell of Exeter, Petition of George A. Batchelder of North Hampton contesting the election of Alfred L. Marston.

By Mr. Ahern of Concord, Petition of Wallace W. Dole of Washington praying for a seat in the House.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Elections.

APPOINTMENT OF PAGES.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the morning session, January 3, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following pages of the House:

Howard E. Nelson of Portsmouth; Raymond W. Carter of Moultonborough; John Ross of Nashua; Maurice L. Stickney of Manchester; Edison J. Minah of Franklin.

Speaker's page, Joseph H. Lane of Concord.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 1, An act to regulate the placing out in family homes and the subsequent supervision of dependent and neglected children.

By Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 2, An act in amendment of chapter 125, Laws of 1907, relating to regulation and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 3, An act to regulate the placing out in family homes and the subsequent supervision of dependent and neglected children.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 4, An act in amendment of chapter 125, Laws 1907, relating to the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children.

By Mr. Abbott of Wilton, House Bill No. 5, An act to legalize the biennial election held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the town of Wilton.

By Mr. Callahan of Keene, House Bill No. 6, An act to regulate the making of loans on personal property, collateral security, or wages.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 7, An act in relation to the fees of witnesses in all legal proceedings.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 8, An act providing for workmen's compensation in cases where the claim does not exceed one hundred dollars.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 9, An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs at law and beneficiaries. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 10, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes relating to hours of labor. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 11, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 227 of the Public Statutes relating to impanelling jurors in civil cases.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 12, An act providing for the comfort and hours of work of jurors.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Couch of Concord, House Bill No. 13, An act providing for a convention of delegates for the purpose of revising the constitution.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 14, An act to provide a method by which members of the New Hampshire National Guard may vote.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Cole of Stark, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally

introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Bill No. 15, An act to encourage the knowledge of military exercises among the citizenry of the state, and to permit military instruction in the public schools.

By Mr. Couch of Concord, House Bill No. 16, An act to provide for the protection and health of employees in factories and for the inspection of factories.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Bill No. 17, An act in amendment of sections 1 and 5, chapter 291 of the Laws of 1913, relating to an amendment to the charter of the city of Manchester in relation to taxation and indebtedness.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

By Mr. Snow of Whitefield, House Bill No. 18, An act to authorize the Whitefield Village Fire Precinct to refund its bonded indebtedness. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Snow of Whitefield, House Bill No. 19, An act in amendment of section 21 of chapter 278 of the Public Statutes, relating to aggravated assault. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Snow of Whitefield, House Bill No. 20, An act for the establishment of a normal school at Whitefield. To the Committee on Normal School.

By Mr. Tilton of Tilton, House Bill No. 21, An act providing for a convention of delegates for the purpose of revising the constitution. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Murchie of Concord, House Bill No. 22, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, relating to motor vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Murchie of Concord, House Bill No. 23, An act to establish a state police force.

By Mr. Murchie of Concord, House Bill No. 24, An act relating to the term of office of the solicitor of Merrimack County.

By Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, House Bill No. 25, An act establishing a standard of weights and measures.

By Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, House Bill No. 26, An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other public libraries.

By Mr. Crawford of Manchester, House Bill No. 27, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1899, relating to Fireman's Relief Fund.

By Mr. Clark of Bethlehem, House Bill No. 28, An act to legalize the biennial election held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the town of Bethlehem.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bunton of Manchester, House Bill No. 29, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 291, Laws of 1913, relating to taxation and indebtedness of the city of Manchester.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Bunton of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

By Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, House Bill No. 30, An act to provide for the protection and health of employees in factories and for the inspection of factories. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Murchie of Concord, House Bill No. 31, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the hours of labor for women. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Davis of Sutton, House Bill No. 32, An act to legalize the biennial election held on the seventh of November, 1916, in the town of Sutton. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution appointing a commission to act with a similar commission from the State of Maine to recommend to the legislature of 1919 a definite proposition for an inter-

state state highway or free bridge between Portsmouth, N. H., and Kittery, Maine.

The first reading having begun, on motion of Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, the rules were suspended and the further reading of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a second reading. The second reading having begun, on motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the further reading dispensed with. The joint resolution was then laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Joint Resolution No. 2, Joint resolution for constructing and equipping an armory in Dover. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Couch of Concord, House Joint Resolution No. 3, Joint resolution providing for the payment of the expenses of a convention to revise the constitution. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 4, Joint resolution for the erection of an appropriate state monument upon the battlefield of Gettysburg. To the Committee on National Affairs.

Read a first time. The second reading having begun, on motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the further reading of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on National Affairs.

By Mr. Tilton of Tilton, House Joint Resolution No. 5, Joint resolution providing for the payment of the expenses of a convention to revise the constitution. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Snow of Whitefield, House Joint Resolution No. 6, Joint resolution for the building of a fish screen at the outlet of Montgomery lake in Whitefield. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 7, Joint resolution appropriating money for

improvements at the industrial school. To the Committee on Industrial School.

By Mr. Noyes of Claremont, House Joint Resolution No. 8, Joint resolution providing for the erection of monuments on the battlefield of Antietam. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Couch of Concord, for the committee to whom was referred the assignment of rooms to the Speaker, the standing committees of the House, and joint standing committees of the Senate and House, reported with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the assignment of rooms to the Speaker, to the standing committees of the House, and to the joint standing committees of the House and Senate be as follows:

HOUSE COMMITTEES.

The Speaker, Reception Room.
On Agriculture, Room 120.
On Agricultural College, Room 120.
On Appropriations, Room 157.
On Banks, Room 150.
On Claims, Room 157.
On County Affairs, Room 100.
On Education, Room 109.
On Elections, Room 145.
On Fisheries and Game, Room 105.
On Forestry, Room 133.
On Incorporations, Room 156.
On Industrial School, Room 156.
On Insurance, Room 113.
On Judiciary, Room 110.
On Labor, Room 100.
On Liquor Laws, Room 155.
On Manufactures, Room 155.
On Mileage, Room 155.
On Military Affairs, Room 102.

On National Affairs, Room 102.
On Normal School, Room 120.
On Public Health, Room 107.
On Public Improvements, Room 133.
On Railroads, Room 145.
On Retrenchment and Reform, Room 145.
On Revision of the Statutes, Room 156.
On Roads, Bridges and Canals, State Library.
On School for Feeble-Minded, Room 156.
On Soldiers' Home, Room 127.
On State Hospital, Room 156.
On State Prison, Room 156.
On Towns, Room 127.
On Unfinished Business, Room 155.
On Ways and Means, Room 120.
On Rules, Room 122.
On Journal of the House, Room 122.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Engrossed Bills, Office Secretary of State.
State House and State House Yard, Room 122.
Joint Rules, Room 122.
State Library, State Library.

The report was accepted.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Lyme,—

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee to consist of five members to give thorough consideration to the matter of the salaries now paid to state officials and to report to the House the result of its deliberations, together with its recommendations.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That at least twenty-four hours' notice of all committee hearings shall be given by publishing the same in the journal of the House under the heading "Committee

Hearings" and that no final action shall be taken by any committee unless such notice has been published. And, be it further

Resolved, That notice of all reports from committees shall be published in the journal of the House under the heading "Committee Reports" before such reports shall be acted upon by the House.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT.

Pursuant to a resolution adopted at the morning session of January 4, the Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to consider the apportionment of public taxes:

Thomas of Farmington, Davis of Marlow, Tilton of Tilton, Haigh of Salem, Duffy of Franklin, Hoyt of Hanover, Philbrook of Shelburne, Farley of Manchester, Blanchard of Sandwich, Philbrick of Springfield.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.27 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 2 o'clock.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Burnham of Dunbarton and Childs of Hillsborough were granted leave of absence for Wednesday on account of important business.

Messrs. Jones of Manchester, Mathes of Newmarket, Dodge of Raymond and Marshall of Dover were granted leave of absence for Wednesday and Thursday on account of important business.

Messrs. Jacques of Somersworth, Berry of Rye, Leighton of Exeter, Hodsdon of Ossipee, Thomas of Tuftonborough, Boutwell of Manchester and Huntress of Keene, having qualified before His Excellency the Governor, appeared and took their seats as members of the House.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Putnam of Manchester offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee to consist of two attorneys, two insurance men, two employers of labor, two employees, and one other, shall be appointed by the Speaker to consider all bills dealing with the subject-matter of workingmen's compensation and employers' liability.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the resolution was laid upon the table.

Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, for the committee appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Representative Patrick McGreevy, presented the following:

WHEREAS, The Omnipotent Father has removed from among us Representative Patrick McGreevy, a member from the fifth ward in Manchester, be it

Resolved, That this House unites in a tribute of respect to the memory of its departed member, a loyal citizen and a kind and devoted husband and father, and be it further

Resolved, That this House enters upon its journal the expression of its sense of loss in the death of Patrick McGreevy; that it extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and that the clerk of the House transmit a copy of these resolutions to the family.

H. B. FAIRBANKS.

JOHN H. BARTLETT.

JAMES F. BRENNAN.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolutions were adopted.

On motion of Mr. Crawford of Manchester, at 2.33 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Chellis V. Smith of Plaistow.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan was granted leave of absence for this afternoon on account of important business.

Mr. Smith of Tamworth was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of a death in his family.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton was granted leave of absence for Thursday on account of important business.

PETITION PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Keyser of Haverhill, Petition of Chester Abbott of Bath, praying for a seat in the House. Presented and referred to the Committee on Elections.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Jones of Manchester, House Bill No. 33, An act relating to building and loan associations. To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Torsey of New Hampton, House Bill No. 34, An act to provide for the free administration of justice in certain cases. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, House Bill No. 35, An act to create a commission in regard to state cold-storage plants. To the Committee on Agriculture.

On motion of Mr. Cole of Stark, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hubbard of Rochester, House Bill No. 36, An act for the dissemination of information concerning proposed legislative enactments. To the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform.

By Mr. Qualters of Winchester, House Bill No. 37, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, relating to publication of vital statistics in towns. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Qualters of Winchester, House Bill No. 38, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities. To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 39, An act to provide a seal for the N. H. Board of Conciliation and Arbitration. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 40, An act in amendment of chapter 32, Laws of 1911, relating to the perpetual care of cemetery lots. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 41, An act providing for the erection of a dormitory at the Keene Normal School. To the Committee on Normal Schools.

By Mr. Evans of Concord, House Bill No. 42, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 176 of the Laws of 1909, relating to insurance on state buildings. To the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 43, An act to incorporate the Annie E. Woodman Institute. To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 44, An act to provide for the registration of public accountants. To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Gardner of Sunapee, House Bill No. 45, An act to close Mountainview lake in the town of Sunapee for fishing through the ice for a term of five years. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Gardner of Sunapee, House Bill No. 46, An act to

amend chapter 6 of the Laws of 1915, with reference to changing the name of Spectacle pond in Sunapee.

By Mr. Gardner of Sunapee, House Bill No. 47, An act providing for the record of births and deaths in towns.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. McDaniel of Nottingham, House Bill No. 48, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, providing for an extension of the system of cross-state highways. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Callahan of Keene, House Bill No. 49, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 77, Laws of 1909, authorizing towns to raise money for patriotic observances. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Crawford of Manchester, House Bill No. 50, An act to repeal the direct primary law. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Curtis of Concord, House Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 153 of the Laws of 1909, providing for the placing of the names of all party candidates at primaries upon the same ballot.

By Mr. Couch of Concord, House Bill No. 52, An act to amend chapter 224 of the Public Statutes relating to witnesses.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Ahern of Concord, House Joint Resolution No. 9, Joint resolution to carry into effect provisions of chapter 132, Session Laws of 1915, and to provide aid for dependent mothers. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Bell of Exeter, House Joint Resolution No. 10, Joint resolution for constructing and equipping an armory in Exeter. Read a first time. The second reading having begun, on motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter, the rules were suspended and the further reading of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That this House is filled with sorrow at the receipt of the information that the state has lost the chief justice of the superior court by the untimely decease of Honorable Robert G. Pike of Dover;

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this afternoon it be in recognition of its profound respect for the memory of the late chief justice.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 11.48 the House took a recess until 1.55 o'clock.

(After recess.)

The introduction of bills was resumed.

The following bills were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Pearson of Laconia, House Bill No. 53, An act providing for the licensing of dogs kept for breeding purposes. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Special Committee on New Apportionment of Taxes, House Bill No. 54, An act to establish a new apportionment for the assessment of public taxes.

Read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Thomas of Farmington, the bill was laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Special Committee on New Apportionment of Taxes.

By Mr. Towle of Northwood, House Bill No. 55, An act to legalize the biennial election held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the town of Northwood. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of chapter 154 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 39 of the Laws of 1915, relating to payment of certain moneys into the state treasury. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 57, An act in

amendment of section 4, chapter 255 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Judgment and execution." To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Emerson of Hanover, House Bill No. 58, An act for more efficient supervision of schools. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 59, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Merrimack Valley road at Manchester with the South Side road at Milford. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 2.26 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Brown of Kensington, Moore of Lisbon, Hough of Lebanon, Jacques of Somersworth, Towle of Epsom and Allen of Lebanon were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Mr. Gonya of Berlin was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Haskell of Lebanon was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Lucey of Somersworth was granted leave of absence for next Tuesday on account of important business.

Mr. Maxfield of Rochester, having qualified before His Excellency, the Governor, appeared and took his seat as a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 2.28 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Jonathan S. Lewis of Amherst.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. French of Nashua was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Mr. Chamberlain of Milton was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Tilton of Tilton, House Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes relating to persons and property liable to taxation.

By Mr. Barnes of Lyme, House Bill No. 61, An act relating to municipal accounts, and to repeal sections 10, 11 and 12 of chapter 16 of the Public Statutes relating to the state treasurer, and section 15 of chapter 43 of the Public Statutes relating to the choice and duties of town officers.

By Mr. Callahan of Keene, House Bill No. 62, An act in amendment of chapter 272 of the Public Statutes relating to offences against chastity.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Smith of Northfield, House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles. To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, House Bill No. 64, An act to facilitate the union of members of Baptist and Freewill Baptist churches of New Hampshire into a common organization. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Crawford of Manchester, House Bill No. 65, An act establishing a fire commission for the city of Manchester.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Crawford of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Thompson of Wilmot, House Bill No. 66, An act to prevent injury to highways and in amendment of chapter 77 of the Public Statutes relating to incumbrances and encroachments of highways. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Spaulding of Keene, House Bill No. 67, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 10 of Session Laws of 1913, relating to county agents. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, House Bill No. 68, An act providing for warning signs at grade crossings. To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, House Bill No. 69, An act in amendment of chapter 185 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 117 of the Laws of 1915, being An act relating to the inspection and licensing of boats, and the examination and licensing of their captains, masters, engineers and pilots. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, House Bill No. 70, An act in repeal of chapter 95 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act in relation to street railways, and in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being An act to establish a public service commission."

By Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, House Bill No. 71, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and

chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being An act to establish a public service commission.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, House Bill No. 72, An act in amendment of chapter 47 of the Laws of 1913, being An act to provide for the construction of dams of a height in excess of twenty-five feet under the supervision of a state inspector. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, House Bill No. 73, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 159 of the Public Statutes, relating to grade crossings. To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 74, An act in amendment of section 5 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes, limiting the expenses of savings banks.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 75, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes in relation to the examination of savings banks by trustees.

Severally to the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Couch of Concord, House Bill No. 76, An act in amendment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the management and control of state institutions. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 77, An act amending chapter 177 of the Public Statutes relating to guardians.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 78, An act amending chapter 4, Session Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of the real estate of persons deceased.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, House Bill No. 79, An act providing for the further instruction of pupils in rural schools. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Sawyer of Woodstock, House Bill No. 80, An act in amendment of section 32, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws.

By Mr. Bell of Plymouth, House Bill No. 81, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws."

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Bartlett of Pittsfield, House Joint Resolution No. 11, Joint resolution in favor of the Granite State deaf mute mission. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Kimball of Marlborough, House Joint Resolution No. 12, Joint resolution to include bridges in state aid on all public highways. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Winant of Concord, House Joint Resolution No. 13, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the state prison. To the Committee on State Prison.

By Mr. Little of Warren, House Joint Resolution No. 14, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the New Hampshire State Sanatorium. To the Committee on Appropriations.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That the Committee on Elections is hereby directed to inquire into the reason why the town of Bath is unrepresented in this House.

The committee is authorized, in making its inquiry, to send for persons and papers.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning that it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and when the House then adjourns that it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. Hopkins of Greenfield, having qualified before His Excellency, the Governor, appeared and took his seat as a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Concord, at 11.45 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter from the Speaker was read:

CONCORD, N. H., January 12, 1917.

*Mr. William J. Ahern,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR:—I shall be unable to attend the session Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Kidder of Rumney, at 9.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., January 15, 1917.

*Mr. Ira Leon Evans,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR:—I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Winant of Concord, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John H. Bartlett of Manchester.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Gay of Hillsborough was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

Mr. Farley of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the week on account of important business.

Mr. Thompson of Wilmot was granted leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday on account of important business.

Mr. McDaniel of Nottingham was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Ham of Farmington was granted leave of absence until able to attend, on account of sickness.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 15, Joint resolution to provide for the addition of a portrait of Gen. George Reid of Londonderry to the collection of portraits of Revolutionary heroes now in the state house. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Pender of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 82, An act prohibiting the throwing of glass on public highways and bathing beaches. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 83, An act to establish and construct a state highway to be known as the New Hampshire College boulevard. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Cunningham of Franklin, House Bill No. 84, An act relating to the Memorial Hall, Franklin.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table

to be printed. On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Franklin.

By Mr. Rossiter of Claremont, House Bill No. 85, An act to enable constables to serve process in actions wherein sheriffs and deputy sheriffs are parties or otherwise interested. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Seaverns of Laconia, House Bill No. 86, An act to establish the New Hampshire Board of Accountancy.

On motion of Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Emerson of Hanover, House Bill No. 87, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 96 of the Session Laws of 1901, entitled "An act relating to high schools," as amended by chapter 118 of the Session Laws of 1903. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Barnes of Lyme, House Bill No. 88, An act for the acceptance of the provisions of the federal aid road act. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 89, An act to amend chapter 5 of the Public Statutes relating to publication and distribution of Statutes, Journals and reports.

On motion of Mr. Huntress of Keene, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 90, An act to amend chapter 6 of the Public Statutes relating to the public printer and public printing.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Hoyt of Concord, House Bill No. 91, An act to amend chapter 105, section 1 of the Laws of 1913, providing

for lights on vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Lyme, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Clark of Concord, House Bill No. 92, An act relating to snow guards on buildings. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Eastman of Jefferson, House Joint Resolution No. 16, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of road leading from Lancaster line through Jefferson to Randolph. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Hook of Warner, House Bill No. 93, An act in amendment of chapter 87 of the Laws of 1915, relating to offences against the national and state flags. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 94, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915; also in amendment of sections 2 and 3 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, and repealing section 2 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, relating to hours of work for women and minors.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 95, An act directing the bureau of labor to conduct an employment department.

Severally to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 96, An act to encourage bravery and efficiency in police officers, firemen, sheriffs and deputies. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 97, An act to prevent the sale of diseased meat slaughtered within the state. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 98, An act giving the public service commission jurisdiction in certain particulars over public utilities municipally owned or operated.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 99, An act to exempt from taxation the Star Island property owned and used by the Unitarians for religious and educational purposes.

By Mr. Tilton of Tilton, House Bill No. 100, An act in amendment of chapter 188 of the Public Statutes, relating to administration.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Tilton of Tilton, House Bill No. 101, An act in amendment of chapter 80 of the Laws of 1907 relating to marriages.

By Mr. Tilton of Tilton, House Bill No. 102, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 relating to motor vehicles.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Murchie of Concord, House Bill No. 103, An act relating to old age pensions. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 104, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 relating to motor vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Evans of Concord, House Bill No. 105, An act in amendment of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to fees and costs in certain cases. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Clark of Concord, House Joint Resolution No. 17, Joint resolution relating to pay for plans for hospital building at state prison. To the Committee on State Prison.

By Mr. Gould of Hopkinton, House Bill No. 106, An act in amendment of section 17(a) of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws." To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Gould of Hopkinton, House Bill No. 107, An act

in amendment of section 5 of chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, relating to town officers. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Janelle of Manchester, Ward 13, House Bill No. 108, An act relating to municipal suffrage for women. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Balch of Henniker, House Bill No. 109, An act permitting the establishment of workhouses by the several counties. To the Committee on County Affairs.

By Mr. Webster of Holderness, House Joint Resolution No. 18, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of the public service commission for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen.

By Mr. Webster of Holderness, House Joint Resolution No. 19, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of the public service commission for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and nineteen.

By Mr. Webster of Holderness, House Joint Resolution No. 20, Joint resolution appropriating money for placing and maintaining lights and buoys for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and nineteen.

By Mr. Webster of Holderness, House Joint Resolution No. 21, Joint resolution appropriating money for placing and maintaining lights and buoys for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen.

Severally to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Keenan of Concord, House Bill No. 110, An act in amendment of chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, motor vehicle law. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Hook of Warner, House Bill No. 111, An act to authorize the Warner Village Fire district to refund its bonded indebtedness. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. French of Moultonborough, House Bill No. 112, An act in amendment of chapter 133, section 14, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws." To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Blanchard of Sandwich, House Joint Resolution

No. 22, Joint resolution for the repair of the Sandwich Notch and Dale road in the town of Sandwich.

By Mr. Leavitt of Effingham, House Joint Resolution No. 23, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the Effingham Falls and Lord's Hill highway, situated in the town of Effingham.

Severally to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Barnes of Lyme, House Bill No. 113, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 114, An act relating to public health and safety. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, House Joint Resolution No. 24, Joint resolution providing for freeing the Hampton River bridge. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Butler of Haverhill, House Joint Resolution No. 25, Joint resolution in aid of the town of Haverhill in building a bridge across the Connecticut river. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 115, An act to establish a state highway in the town of Chesterfield and the city of Keene.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 116, An act in amendment of chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915, relating to cross-state highways.

Severally to the Committee on Public Improvements.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Bell of Exeter, for the committee appointed to select some suitable person to act as chaplain during the present session of the Legislature, reported with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Rev. Chellis V. Smith of Plaistow be elected chaplain for the ensuing two years.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Couch of Concord, for the special committee upon assignment of rooms to the presiding officers and committees, made a supplemental report as follows:

That, inasmuch as the Committee on Labor has been assigned to the General Committee Room, No. 100, all committees desiring to use said room obtain a reservation therefor from the gentleman from Keene, Mr. Callahan, chairman of the Committee on Labor.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, at 12.15 o'clock the House took a recess until 1.55 o'clock.

(After recess.)

The introduction of bills and joint resolutions was resumed.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dupont of Berlin, House Bill No. 117, An act authorizing the city of Berlin to appropriate money in aid of the St. Louis hospital of said Berlin.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Berlin.

By Mr. Thomas of Claremont, House Bill No. 118, An act to amend chapter 114 of the Public Statutes of New Hampshire, entitled "Licensing shows, billiard tables, and bowling alleys." To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. McIntosh of Dover, House Bill No. 119, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to street commission.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed. On motion of Mr. Wendell of Dover, the

rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover.

By Mr. Jones of Manchester, House Bill No. 120, An act in amendment of section 5, chapter 166 of the Public Statutes, relative to building and loan associations. To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 121, An act to provide for state aid on certain highways. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 122, An act to amend chapter 7 of the Public Statutes relating to the state house and grounds. To the Committee on State House and State House Yard.

By Mr. Batchelder of Hampton, House Joint Resolution No. 26, Joint resolution to provide for a breakwater in the town of Hampton. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Thomas of Claremont, House Joint Resolution No. 27, Joint resolution providing for screens at the outlet of Crescent lake otherwise known as Cold pond in Acworth and Unity. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Winant of Concord, House Bill No. 123, An act to equalize school privileges in the city of Concord.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed. On motion of Mr. Winant of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Concord.

By Mr. Burbank of Berlin, House Bill No. 124, An act for the establishment of a normal school at Berlin. To the Committee on Normal Schools.

By Mr. Roukey of Manchester, House Bill No. 125, An act in amendment of an act regulating the hours of labor for women. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Hook of Warner, House Bill No. 126, An act to amend chapter 167 of the Public Statutes relating to the insurance commissioner.

By Mr. Lang of Candia, House Bill No. 127, An act to amend chapter 18 of the Laws of 1903 relating to domestic insurance companies.

By Mr. Merrow of Freedom, House Bill No. 128, An act to amend chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913 relating to embezzlement by insurance agents.

By Mr. Berry of Manchester, House Bill No. 129, An act to amend chapter 63 of the Laws of 1915 relating to insurance brokers.

By Mr. Janelle of Manchester, House Bill No. 130, An act to amend chapter 28 of the Laws of 1911, in relation to the establishment and maintenance of safety funds by fire insurance companies.

Severally to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Wright of Concord, House Bill No. 131, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 relating to motor vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Putnam of Manchester, House Bill No. 132, An act to amend chapter 167 of the Public Statutes relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner. To the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Ryder of Manchester, House Bill No. 133, An act to amend chapter 131 of the Laws of 1911, relating to the duties of the state treasurer. To the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Dockham of Manchester, House Bill No. 134, An act relating to the equipment of locomotives with headlights. To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Smart of Dover, House Bill No. 135, An act to protect the tires of rubber-tired vehicles lawfully upon the public highways of this state. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Kimball of Marlborough, House Bill No. 136, An act to provide for a bounty on red squirrels. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Seaverns of Laconia, House Joint Resolution No. 28, Joint resolution appropriating money for additional

accommodations at the school for feeble-minded children.
To the Committee on School for Feeble-Minded.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 7, An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Berlin.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 7, An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Berlin.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Berlin.

TELLERS.

The Speaker named as permanent tellers of the House:

- Division 1, Mr. Thomas of Farmington;
- Division 2, Mr. Wendell of Dover;
- Division 3, Mr. Fairbanks of Newport;
- Division 4, Mr. French of Moultonborough;
- Division 5, Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 2.35 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

On motion of Mr. Tilton of Tilton, at 2.37 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Reed of Unity and Leavitt of Effingham were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Messrs. Bradeen of Wentworth and Robie of Campton were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of illness.

Mr. Morang of Dover was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of a death in his family.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Mallalieu of Milford,—

Resolved, That the Honorable Senate be notified that the House of Representatives will be ready to meet the Senate in convention at 12 o'clock noon, today, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of a secretary of state, state treasurer and commissary-general.

On motion of Mr. Nelson of Manchester,—

Resolved, That prayers be offered in the House five minutes previous to the assembling of the House and that His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Council and the Honorable Senate be invited to attend.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Lyme, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Libby of Wolfeboro, House Bill No. 137, An act in amendment of chapter 163, Laws of 1915, relating to the reforesting of waste land.

By Mr. Woodman of Milford, House Bill No. 138, An act for the control of the white pine blister and other fungous or insect pests.

By Mr. Parker of Kingston, House Bill No. 139, An act to provide for the payment of revenue from national forests to the towns in which such forests are located.

By Mr. Trask of Colebrook, House Bill No. 140, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the pay and efficiency of forest fire employees.

By Mr. Trask of Colebrook, House Bill No. 141, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to forest fire wardens.

By Mr. Nelson of Manchester, House Bill No. 142, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, in relation to the state forest nursery.

By Mr. Nelson of Manchester, House Bill No. 143, An act in amendment of chapter 27, Laws of 1913, relating to town forests.

By Mr. Shattuck of Nashua, House Bill No. 144, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the payment of forest fire bills.

By Mr. Dimmock of Sandown, House Bill No. 145, An act in amendment of chapter 138, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, in relation to revenue from state forests.

By Mr. Hopkins of Greenfield, House Bill No. 146, An act in amendment of chapter 95, Laws of 1911, relating to portable steam sawmills.

Severally to the Committee on Forestry.

By Mr. Eastman of Jefferson, House Bill No. 147, An act providing for the erection of a dam at the outlet of Cherry pond. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Sawyer of Atkinson, House Bill No. 148, An act to increase the power of the trustees of Atkinson academy, relating to the funds held by them in connection with any

estate, real or personal. To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Dockham of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 29, Joint resolution in favor of the Settlement Association of New Hampshire. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Sawyer of Atkinson, House Joint Resolution No. 30, Joint resolution providing for an appropriation for a highway leading through Plaistow, from Atkinson town-line to Massachusetts state-line. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Callahan of Keene, House Bill No. 149, An act in amendment of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 134 of the Laws of 1909, relating to weekly payment of wages. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Curtis of Concord, House Bill No. 150, An act regulating the taking of fish from the Merrimack river. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Bradeen of Wentworth, House Bill No. 151, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915 relating to trust funds held by towns and cities. To the Committee on Forestry.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 152, An act to regulate the fees and charges of real estate agents for their services in effecting the sale of real estate. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Smart of Goshen, House Bill No. 153, An act to close Rand's pond in Goshen to fishing through the ice for five years. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Richardson of Littleton, House Bill No. 154, An act to amend the charter of the Upper Connecticut River and Lake Improvement Company. To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 155, An act to amend section 4 of chapter 137 of the Public Statutes, relating to the acknowledgment and record of conveyances of real estate.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 156, An act to

amend section 3 of chapter 137 of the Public Statutes relating to conveyances of real estate.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 157, An act to amend section 21 of chapter 224 of the Public Statutes relating to witnesses.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 158, An act to amend section 16 of chapter 141 of the Public Statutes, relating to liens of mechanics and others.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Davis of Sutton, House Bill No. 159, An act in amendment of section 19, chapter 127 of the Public Statutes, relating to butter. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 160, An act to amend chapter 140 of the Public Statutes relating to mortgages, and conditional sales. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 161, An act to amend chapter 22 of the Session Laws of 1895, relating to sale of bulky articles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Callahan of Keene, House Bill No. 162, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 56 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption from taxation of veterans of the Civil War, their widows and wives. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, House Joint Resolution No. 31, Joint resolution in aid of the free public libraries. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Eastman of Orange, House Joint Resolution No. 32, Joint resolution to repair road to Cardigan mountain. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Woodman of Milford, House Joint Resolution No. 33, Joint resolution for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, particularly in the advanced stages.

By Mr. Woodman of Milford, House Joint Resolution No. 34, Joint resolution for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis.

Severally to the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 35, Joint resolution for the completion of the highway from Raymond to Plaistow. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Dodge of Laconia, House Bill No. 163, An act providing for the construction of a macadam road in the city of Laconia. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Pearson of Laconia, House Bill No. 164, An act relative to the operation and inspection of steam boilers. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 165, An act relating to the establishment of a free employment office in the bureau of labor. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Brown of Hudson, House Bill No. 166, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Merrimack Valley road at Nashua with the Salem and Haverhill road at Salem. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Ahern of Concord, House Bill No. 167, An act to exempt the home of the Friendly club from taxation. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 168, An act to provide for the freeing of Eliot toll bridge and authorize Strafford county to maintain that part lying within said county. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Perry of Keene, House Bill No. 169, An act to amend chapter 168 of Public Statutes, relating to insurance companies and agents.

By Mr. Perry of Keene, House Bill No. 170, An act to amend chapter 81, Laws of 1895, to regulate the business of assessment casualty insurance.

Severally to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Boynton of Jaffrey, House Bill No. 171, An act in amendment of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the establishment of water works in the town of Troy. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Stevens of Francestown, House Bill No. 172, An act in amendment of chapter 51 of the Laws of 1915, being

"An act in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905 and of chapter 55, Laws of 1911," relating to state highways. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 173, An act to extend the charter of the Monroe Boom Company. To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Pender of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 174, An act to amend chapter 115 of the Public Statutes relating to the investigation of the causes of fires. To the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Burns of Carroll, House Bill No. 175, An act relating to conditional sales. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Foote of Seabrook, House Bill No. 176, An act in amendment of section 53, chapter 133 of Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game.

By Mr. Foote of Seabrook, House Bill No. 177, An act relating to fish and game.

By Mr. Foote of Seabrook, House Bill No. 178, An act in amendment of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game.

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Foote of Seabrook, House Bill No. 179, An act exempting widows from taxation in certain cases. To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Foote of Seabrook, House Bill No. 180, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915 relating to fish and game.

By Mr. Balch of Henniker, House Bill No. 181, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915 relating to fish and game.

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Stevens of Francestown, House Joint Resolution No. 36, Joint resolution to provide for repair of the Mountain road, so called, up Crotched mountain in Francestown. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, House Bill No. 182, An act relating to the appointment of referees for the hearing of civil causes. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Marshall of Dover, House Bill No. 183, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 60 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Marshall of Dover, House Bill No. 184, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover, relative to the treasurer of the school board for said city.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed. On motion of Mr. Marshall of Dover, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Honorable Senate be notified that the House of Representatives will be ready to meet the Senate in convention at 12 o'clock noon, today, for the purpose of proceeding to the election of a secretary of state, state treasurer and commissary-general.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 11.55 the House took a recess for four minutes.

(After recess.)

IN CONVENTION.

The Honorable Senate then came in and, the two branches being in convention, proceeded to the election of a secretary of state, state treasurer and commissary-general for the ensuing two years.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That we proceed to the election of a secretary of state by ballot, the Honorable Senate voting first, then the House voting by counties.

The chairman appointed as a committee to receive, sort and count the votes, Senator Stanley of District No. 3 and Mr. Tilton of Tilton.

The chairman announced the ballot for secretary of state as follows:

Whole number of votes cast.....	411
Necessary to a choice.....	206
Cyprien J. Belanger had.....	157
Edwin C. Bean had.....	254

and Edwin C. Bean, having a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected secretary of state for the ensuing two years.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the clerk was directed to cast one ballot for John W. Plummer for state treasurer.

The ballot was so cast and John W. Plummer was declared elected state treasurer for the ensuing two years.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the clerk was directed to cast one ballot for Charles W. Howard for commissary-general.

The ballot was so cast and Charles W. Howard was declared elected commissary-general for the ensuing two years.

On motion of Senator Parnell of District No. 17,—

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to notify the secretary of state, state treasurer and commissary-general of their election.

The chairman appointed as such committee, Senator Parnell of District No. 17 and Messrs. Murchie of Concord and Duffy of Franklin.

On motion of Senator Fletcher of District No. 11, the convention rose.

HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter, the House took a recess until 1.55 o'clock.

(After recess.)

The introduction of bills and joint resolutions was resumed.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally

introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Lowe of Randolph, House Bill No. 185, An act providing for the appointment of a superintendent of fish and game wardens for the counties of Coös and Grafton.

By Mr. Hall of Manchester, House Bill No. 186, An act relating to ice-fishing in Mosquito pond in Manchester.

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Dimmock of Sandown, House Bill No. 187, An act in amendment of chapter 51 of the Laws of 1915, being "An act in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905, and of chapter 55, Laws of 1911, relating to state highways." To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, House Bill No. 188, An act to provide for the appointment of a probation officer for women.

By Mr. Farley of Manchester, House Bill No. 189, An act to provide for the safety and health of employees in factories and work-shops.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Farley of Manchester, House Bill No. 190, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of jailers in certain cases.

By Mr. Farley of Manchester, House Bill No. 191, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 282 of the Public Statutes relating to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners.

By Mr. Farley of Manchester, House Bill No. 192, An act to establish the fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance upon the superior court.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 193, An act to amend section 1, chapter 96 of the Session Laws of 1901, relating to towns not maintaining high schools to pay tuition of resident scholars. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 194, An act to protect the public from damage by irresponsible drivers of

motor vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Carr of Dover, House Bill No. 195, An act to amend chapter 42 of the Laws of 1913 relating to domestic life insurance companies.

By Mr. Lane of Walpole, House Bill No. 196, An act to amend chapter 78 of the Laws of 1913, relating to the licensing of insurance agents.

Severally to the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Ellinwood of Hancock, House Bill No. 197, An act in amendment of section 14, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Gay of Hillsborough, House Bill No. 198, An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, relating to the fees of sheriffs for travel in the service of process. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Hodsdon of Ossipee, House Bill No. 199, An act permitting sterilizing operations in certain cases of mental diseases and feeble-mindedness. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Dupont of Berlin, House Bill No. 200, An act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 201, An act to provide for the establishment of state bird and game sanctuaries and the protection and propagation of wild birds and quadrupeds.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 202, An act to authorize the fish and game commissioner to close waters against fishing.

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Abbott of Wilton, House Bill No. 203, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 163 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the reforestation of waste and cut-over lands. To the Committee on Forestry.

By Mr. Lowe of Randolph, House Joint Resolution No.

37, Joint resolution providing for an appropriation for a state highway leading from the post office in Randolph to the "Pinkham Notch Road." To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Eastman of Orange, House Joint Resolution No. 38, Joint resolution in favor of Burt W. Dean. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Whitaker of Mason, House Joint Resolution No. 39, Joint resolution for the building of state road in the town of Mason. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By the Committee on Appropriations, House Joint Resolution No. 40, Joint resolution in favor of the widow of Patrick McGreevy, deceased.

Read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

By Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Bill No. 204, An act for the establishment of a normal school in the city of Manchester. To the Committee on Normal Schools.

By Mr. Battles of Newton, House Bill No. 205, An act relating to the duties of school boards and teachers in public schools. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. McFayden of Dover, House Bill No. 206, An act to define the rights of trade unions in labor disputes. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Mousley of Langdon, House Bill No. 207, An act in amendment of chapter 96, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 138, Laws of 1915, relating to roadside improvement. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Rogers of Wakefield, House Bill No. 208, An

act to regulate the storage, distribution and sale of cold storage foods. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Roukey of Manchester, House Bill No. 209, An act to amend chapter 94 of the Laws of 1915, "An act for the relief of the blind." To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, House Bill No. 210, An act relating to properties held for public use by the Society for the Protection of the New Hampshire Forests. To the Committee on Judiciary.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate accept the invitation to attend prayers extended by the House of Representatives.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following joint resolution:

House Joint Resolution No. 40, Joint resolution in favor of the widow of Patrick McGreevy of Manchester.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 1, An act to provide for indemnifying a holder of worthless check or order.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 1, An act to provide for indemnifying a holder of worthless check or order.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Special Committee on New Apportionment of Taxes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 54, An act to establish a new apportion-

ment for the assessment of public taxes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Thomas of Farmington, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Pursuant to a resolution passed at the morning session, January 9, authorizing the Speaker to appoint a committee of five to give thorough consideration to the matter of salaries now paid to state officials and to report to the House the result of its deliberations, the Speaker announced as such committee, Messrs. Bartlett of Portsmouth, Barnes of Lyme, French of Moultonborough, Moulton of Lisbon and Tilton of Tilton.

On motion of Mr. Nelson of Manchester, at 2.33 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 2.35 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Glines of Canterbury, Marden of New Boston and Turcotte of Newmarket were granted leave of absence

for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Lyme, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 211, An act relating to qualifications of notary public and justice of the peace.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 212, An act in amendment of section 46 of the Session Laws of 1897, entitled "An act in relation to itinerant vendors."

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Thompson of Jackson, House Bill No. 213, An act to prevent the pollution of the Ellis and Wildecat rivers, and their tributaries. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Symonds of Harrisville, House Bill No. 214, An act to amend chapter 105, section 1 of the Laws of 1913, providing lights on vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Shannon of Laconia, House Bill No. 215, An act regarding trial of cases appealed from probate courts, municipal courts and justice courts. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Sawyer of Woodstock, House Bill No. 216, An act to compensate owners for domestic live-stock killed or wounded in the open season, for deer, by hunters before December first. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Stackhouse of Derry, House Bill No. 217, An act relative to work in mills and factories upon legal holidays. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Batchelder of Hampton, House Bill No. 218, An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to establish a

system of cross-state highways." To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 219, An act giving certain power to justices of the superior court for the humane treatment of prisoners in county jails. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Abbott of Wilton, House Bill No. 220, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, House Bill No. 221, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 81, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to regulate the sale of fertilizers." To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Joint Resolution No. 41, Joint resolution for construction of state highway in the town of Whitefield.

By Mr. Kidder of Rumney, House Joint Resolution No. 42, Joint resolution for the repair of the Stinson Lake road in the town of Sandwich.

Severally to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Duffy of Franklin, House Joint Resolution No. 43, Joint resolution providing for the investigation of the possibilities for the conservation and better utilization of water power. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, House Joint Resolution No. 44, Joint resolution appropriating money for agricultural fairs in New Hampshire. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Donnell of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 45, Joint resolution in favor of Thomas R. Stewart. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Wiggin of Manchester, House Bill No. 222, An act in amendment of chapter 245, section 20 of the Public

Statutes, relating to exemptions. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Lowe of Laconia, House Bill No. 223, An act to provide a forty-eight-hour week for women and minors under eighteen years of age in certain employments. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 224, An act to repeal chapter 268, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gordon Pond Railroad company." To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Woodbury of Manchester, House Bill No. 225, An act establishing a fire commission for the city of Manchester.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed. On motion of Mr. Woodbury of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

By Mr. Hodsdon of Ossipee, House Bill No. 226, An act relating to the admission of voluntary patients at the New Hampshire State Hospital. To the Committee on State Hospital.

By Mr. Morrison of Orford, House Bill No. 227, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Moosilauke road with the West Side road and extend the same to the Vermont state line at Orford. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Hodsdon of Ossipee, House Joint Resolution No. 46, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvement and extensions at the New Hampshire State Hospital. To the Committee on State Hospital.

By Mr. Whitaker of Mason, House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to Mason fire damage. To the Committee of Claims.

By Mr. Lear of Newbury, House Joint Resolution No. 48, Joint resolution appropriating money for a fish hatchery in Lake Sunapee.

By Mr. Sawyer of Woodstock, House Bill No. 228, An

act providing for a uniform open season on wild deer throughout the state.

By Mr. Downs of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 229, An act in regard to the taking of smelt from the Piscataqua river and its tributaries, the Exeter river and its tributaries, Great bay and Greenland bay.

By Mr. Downs of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 230, An act in regard to taking lobsters in New Hampshire waters. Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Bill No. 231, An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine," as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Bill No. 232, An act to license junk dealers and to regulate the conduct of their business.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Bill No. 233, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by the Laws of 1915, chapter 129, section 4, and providing for the notice of loans of motor vehicles in certain cases. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wheeler of Nashua, House Bill No. 234, An act relating to service of police officers in the city of Nashua.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed. On motion of Mr. Wheeler of Nashua, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua.

By Mr. Hazeltine of Thornton, House Bill No. 235, An act to amend chapter 93 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Scholars." To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Winant of Concord, House Bill No. 236, An act to provide a forty-eight-hour week for women and minors under eighteen years of age. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Burlingame of Manchester, House Bill No. 237, An act creating a board of fish and game commissioners. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Committee on Rules, House Joint Resolution No. 49, Joint resolution to provide for expert inspection of acts and resolutions passed by the legislature. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Webster of Holderness, House Joint Resolution No. 50, Joint resolution for repairs and for cleaning the outside walls of the state house and the monuments in the state house yard. To the Committee on State House and State House Yard.

By Mr. Baker of Ashland, House Joint Resolution No. 51, Joint resolution to provide for additional pay for militiamen in out of state service. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Wallace W. Dole of Washington, reported that having heard all the evidence presented, find that at the biennial election held in said town of Washington on the seventh day of November, 1916, the said petitioner received a plurality of all the votes cast for representative, and that the committee offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That Wallace W. Dole of Washington is entitled to a seat in this House.

The question being on the resolution offered by the committee,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Clough of Alton, for the Committee on National Affairs, offered the following concurrent resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That an invitation be extended to the Hon. R. S. Naon, ambassador from Argentina at Washington, to visit New Hampshire at a date in the near future and address the legislature on Trade Relations and Expansion, with the United States.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning that it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and when the House adjourns then, it be to meet on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Buxton of Salem, at 11.50 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., January 19, 1917.

*William J. Ahern, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,

Speaker.

Mr. Challis of Manchester offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, There has gone to his long home an admiral of the United States navy, a disciple and pupil of the immortal Farragut, and one who, in his own person and in his achievements, has illustrated the highest traditions of his profession, therefore be it

Resolved, That in respect to the memory of Admiral George Dewey, this House do now adjourn.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted and at 9.32 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., January 22, 1917.

Mr. John G. Winant,
Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Honorable Secretary of State then appeared and transmitted the following message from His Excellency, the Governor:

To the House of Representatives:

I hereby transmit to you the reports of the secretary of state, the treasurer, the forestry commission, the board of charities and correction, the tax commission, the insurance commissioner, the public service commission, the adjutant-general, the bank commission, the fish and game commissioner and New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, also report of Special Investigation Relative to Municipal Finance and Accounts.

Very respectfully,

HENRY W. KEYES,
Governor.

The various reports were referred to their appropriate committees.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, at 7.33 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Keenan of Concord, Bartlett of Manchester, Crawford of Manchester, Symonds of Harrisville and Mason of Troy were granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

Messrs. Gross of Croydon, Sanborn of Laconia and Damon of Fitzwilliam were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Barney of Grafton was granted leave of absence for the day on account of death in his family.

Mr. Wiggin of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the week on account of important business.

Mr. Wheeler of Derry was granted leave of absence until able to attend on account of sickness.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Lyme, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Dockham of Manchester, House Bill No. 238, An act to provide for the support of destitute parents.

By Mr. Moulton of Lisbon, House Bill No. 239, An act to provide for the appointment of a child welfare commission.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Abbott of Wilton, House Bill No. 240, An act for the better maintenance of town highways.

By Mr. Abbott of Wilton, House Bill No. 241, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, providing for an extension of the system of cross-state highways.

Severally to the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Sullivan of Nashua, House Bill No. 242, An act to empower the commissioner of labor to collect, prepare and publish statistics in respect to labor manufactures and commerce of this state. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Sullivan of Manchester, House Bill No. 243, An act to relieve members of the police force in the city of Manchester from police duty at certain times.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Sullivan of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 244, An act relating to the care of burial grounds. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Gay of Hillsborough, House Bill No. 245, An act to establish the Contoocook Valley highway. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 246, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 46, Laws of 1897, relating to itinerant vendors.

By Mr. Qualters of Winchester, House Bill No. 247, An act to amend section 5 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes relating to sheriffs, coroners and constables.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Symonds of Harrisville, House Bill No. 248, An act relating to ice fishing in Bemisville pond in the town of Harrisville.

By Mr. Thomas of Farmington, House Bill No. 249, An act in amendment of section 32, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws.

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Greeley of Londonderry, House Bill No. 250, An act establishing and changing the present location of the Rockingham road connecting the Merrimack Valley road with the Massachusetts highway at the Massachusetts state-line at Salem, N. H. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Kendall of Nashua, House Bill No. 251, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1901, "An act to provide for the care and education of feeble-minded children." To the Committee on School for Feeble-Minded.

By Mr. Winant of Concord, House Bill No. 252, An act to regulate the assignment of wages. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Winant of Concord, House Bill No. 253, An act to increase respect for our national anthem. To the Committee on National Affairs.

By Mr. Winant of Concord, House Bill No. 254, An act to provide a legislative drafting and reference bureau. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Trask of Colebrook, House Joint Resolution No. 52, Joint resolution relating to an appropriation for the purpose of repairing fish hatchery in Colebrook. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Kendall of Nashua, House Joint Resolution No. 53, Joint resolution providing for medical and surgical treatment for indigent crippled and tuberculous children. To the Committee on Public Health.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, the rules were suspended so that all bills relating to the city of Manchester might be referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

The following bills were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester:

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 255, An act to amend chapter 291 of the Session Laws of 1913,

entitled "An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Manchester in relation to taxation and indebtedness."

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 256, An act establishing the Manchester fire department and providing for the appointment of a fire commission.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 257, An act to amend the charter of the city of Manchester to provide a salary for the board of aldermen.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 258, An act to establish a department of parks, commons and playgrounds for the city of Manchester.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 259, An act to establish a department of public works for the city of Manchester.

The following bills were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 260, An act to regulate the practice of chiropody. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Gilson of Charlestown, House Bill No. 261, An act for the extension of suffrage to women in certain cases. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Snow of Whitefield, House Bill No. 262, An act to amend section 20 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes relating to hours of labor. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Snow of Whitefield, House Bill No. 263, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 206 of the Laws of 1897, being "An act to incorporate the Bethlehem Electric Light Co." To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Bailey of Lancaster, House Bill No. 264, An act for the establishment of a normal school at Lancaster. To the Committee on Normal Schools.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 265, An act to authorize the Connecticut River Power company of New Hampshire to transfer its properties, rights and franchises in this state. To the Committee on Judiciary.

(Mr. Wood of Portsmouth in the chair.)

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 266, An act to provide for the expenditure of funds received by the state from the national forest. To the Committee on Forestry.

By Mr. Stackhouse of Derry, House Bill No. 267, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to establish a system of cross-state highways." To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Stackhouse of Derry, House Bill No. 268, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1909 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Congdon of Lancaster, House Bill No. 269, an act to enable the selectmen of the town of Lancaster to convey and tax certain lots of land in said town. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Clark of Acworth, House Bill No. 270, An act in amendment of section 17, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws." To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Joint Resolution No. 54, Joint resolution to provide for the purchase from the Franklin Armory Association of the armory and furnishings in Franklin, N. H. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Scannell of Manchester, House Bill No. 271, An act in amendment of chapter 168 of the Session Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the city of Manchester." To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Scannell of Manchester, House Bill No. 272, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 126 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 32, Laws of 1901, relating to the weight of loaves of bread.

By Mr. Scannell of Manchester, House Bill No. 273, An act licensing hawkers and peddlers of foreign or domestic fruits or vegetables in the city of Manchester.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 274, An act to increase the efficiency of the public schools of the state by granting pensions to retired teachers of long service.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 275, An act to increase the efficiency of the public schools of the state by granting pensions to retired teachers of long service.

Severally to the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 276, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, section 14 (e), as amended by chapter 145 of the Laws of 1913, section 15, regulating the issue of capital stock of public utility corporations. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Walbridge of Peterborough, House Bill No. 277, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in amendment of chapter 133, Laws of 1911, entitled 'An act repealing chapter 86, Laws of 1905, and chapter 154, Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law,' as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171, Laws of 1913." To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 278, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 198 of the Public Statutes relating to trustees of estates.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 279, An act permitting banks and trust companies to be appointed as administrators, executors, trustees, guardians or conservators.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Pearson of Laconia, House Bill No. 280, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 242, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Laconia Home for the Aged." To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Rossiter of Claremont, House Bill No. 281, An act to relieve the proprietors of Hildreth ferry on the Connecticut river from obligation to maintain and operate the same.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 282, An act to encourage the reform of juvenile offenders.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Dickey of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 283, An act to amend the charter of the city of Portsmouth.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Dickey of Portsmouth, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Portsmouth.

By Mr. Pridham of Newcastle, House Bill No. 284, An act authorizing an appraisal of Newcastle Bridge Corporation toll bridges. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 285, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915 relating to trust funds held by towns and cities. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Mousley of Langdon, House Bill No. 286, An act to close Great brook in the town of Langdon for fishing for a term of five years. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Mousley of Langdon, House Bill No. 287, An act to establish and construct a state highway, leading from the South Side boulevard in Alstead through Langdon to the Connecticut River road in Charlestown. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Dodge of Newport, House Bill No. 288, An act to abolish capital punishment. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Boynton of Jaffrey, House Bill No. 289, An act in amendment of chapter 76 of the Laws of 1897, entitled "An act in relation to hawkers and peddlers." To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Davis of Sutton, House Bill No. 290, An act protecting a certain variety of fish. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 291, An act

in amendment of chapter 285 of the Public Statutes relating to the state prison. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Hodsdon of Ossipee, House Bill No. 292, An act in amendment of section 18, chapter 10 of the Public Statutes, relating to admissions to the state hospital. To the Committee on State Hospital.

By Mr. Mahoney of Manchester, House Bill No. 293, An act to establish a department of supervision of necessities. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Berry of Manchester, House Bill No. 294, An act to authorize the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards, and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty. To the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, House Bill No. 295, An act to establish a state highway through the towns of Hudson, Pelham and Salem. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

(The Speaker in the chair.)

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, House Bill No. 296, An act to provide for the registration of moving picture machine operators. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, House Bill No. 297, An act in amendment of chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, motor vehicle law.

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, House Bill No. 298, An act in amendment of chapter 40, section 4 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 146 of the Laws of 1911, empowering cities and towns to provide playgrounds and neighborhood centers.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Mason of Dublin, House Bill No. 299, An act to exempt from taxation property in Jaffrey and Dublin to be held for the public good by the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Shannon of Laconia, House Bill No. 300, An act

in relation to the salary of the judge of probate and register of probate of Belknap county. To the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials.

By Mr. Shannon of Laconia, House Bill No. 301, An act in amendment of chapter 184 of the Public Statutes relating to the times and places of holding courts of probate. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, House Bill No. 302, An act entitled "An act relating to the registration and confirmation of titles to land." To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Shaughnessy of Manchester, House Bill No. 303, An act to prohibit cellar bakeries. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Philbrick of Springfield, House Joint Resolution No. 55, Joint resolution providing for the erection of a dam and screen at the outlet of Station or Kolelemoque lake in Springfield. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Winant of Concord, House Joint Resolution No. 56, Joint resolution appropriating money for the acquisition of lands for institutional purposes. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Shaw of Canaan, House Joint Resolution No. 57, Joint resolution in favor of screening the outlet of Mascoma lake in Lebanon. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 304, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 163, Laws of 1878, as amended by section 1, chapter 420, Laws of 1913, relating to the time of holding elections in the city of Manchester. To the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, under the motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester.

By Mr. Page of Gilmanton, House Bill No. 305, An act providing for an appeal from the orders of local school boards. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Cotton of Belmont, House Bill No. 306, An act to establish and construct a state highway to be known as the

Shaker boulevard. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, House Bill No. 307, An act to provide for absent voting at biennial elections. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Seaverns of Laconia, House Bill No. 308, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Pearson of Laconia, House Bill No. 309, An act to provide a board of boiler rules and prescribe their powers and duties.

By Mr. Clough of Alton, House Bill No. 310, An act legalizing the biennial election of the town of Alton held November seventh, 1916.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Newport, House Bill No. 311, An act to protect the public against the sale of worthless stocks and bonds. To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Munsey of Laconia, House Bill No. 312, An act relating to the killing of birds and animals. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 313, An act in amendment of chapter 125 of the Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 168 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to dividends of savings banks." To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Pridham of Newcastle, House Bill No. 314, An act in amendment of chapter 51, Laws of 1915, relating to state highways. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Fairbanks of Newport, House Bill No. 315, An act to enable the town school district of Newport to acquire a lot for high school purposes. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. McHugh of Gorham, House Bill No. 316, An act to provide for a co-operative survey of the boundary line between the State of New Hampshire and State of Maine. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Wright of Concord, House Bill No. 317, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 318, An act to assist farmers in obtaining a market for their products. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, House Bill No. 319, An act to provide for employers' liability and workmen's compensation. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Wright of Concord, House Bill No. 320, An act for the establishment of a normal school in the city of Concord. To the Committee on Normal Schools.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, House Bill No. 321, An act providing for the teaching of parents and guardians for the necessity of the manner of instructing the children in the subject of sex hygiene. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Smyth of Berlin, House Bill No. 322, An act in amendment of chapter 212 of the Laws of 1913 relating to advertisements during strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Farley of Manchester, House Bill No. 323, An act regulating the duty of police officers in certain cases. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Scannell of Manchester, House Bill No. 324, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 175, Laws of 1915, relating to the salary of the deputy secretary of state. To the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials.

By Mr. Scannell of Manchester, House Bill No. 325, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 34, Laws of 1915, relating to the salary of the deputy state treasurer. To the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials.

By Mr. Hoyt of Concord, House Bill No. 326, An act

relating to trapping, hunting and fishing. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

RESOLUTIONS.

By unanimous consent Mr. Lee of Concord offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker be instructed to notify the committee appointed by him, to investigate the salaries of the heads of the different departments and the salary of each clerk in each department for eight consecutive years, beginning with 1908.

After such investigation has been made, compare same with present day salaries. Such a comparison to be made also in regard to running expenses of different departments.

When such reports are ready for publication by said committee, have same printed and a copy given to each member of the House; so they may become familiar with salaries and running expenses of each department.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

By unanimous consent Mr. Hoyt of Hanover offered the following resolution

Resolved, That the House requests Representative James E. French of Moultonborough, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, to furnish for the information of the House a detailed account of the receipts and authorized expenditures for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, estimated revenue of the state for the two succeeding fiscal years, together with the estimates of the departments and institutions for maintenance for that period, and the itemized appropriations asked for by the bills and resolutions now before the House, and such other information in his possession as will clearly show the financial condition of the state.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.29 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 26 minutes.

(After recess.)

The introduction of bills and joint resolutions was resumed.

The following bills and joint resolutions were severally introduced, read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred as follows:

By Mr. Hoyt of Concord, House Bill No. 327, An act relating to ice cutting upon the public waters of the state.

By Mr. Hoyt of Concord, House Bill No. 328, An act relating to fur-bearing animals kept for breeding purposes.

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Duffy of Franklin, House Bill No. 329, An act establishing a police commission for the city of Franklin.

By Mr. Duffy of Franklin, House Bill No. 330, An act to provide for the election of a highway commissioner for the city of Franklin.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 58, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of the state for the year ending August 31, 1917.

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 59, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of the state for the year ending August 31, 1918.

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 60, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of the state for the year ending August 31, 1919.

Severally to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Congdon of Lancaster, House Joint Resolution No. 61, Joint resolution appropriating money for agricultural fairs in New Hampshire. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Sawyer of Woodstock, House Joint Resolution No. 62, Joint resolution in favor of raising money for repairs on Lost River road.

By Mr. Eastman of Jefferson, House Joint Resolution No. 63, Joint resolution for the repair of the Cherry Mountain road in the town of Jefferson.

By Mr. Smith of Tamworth, House Joint Resolution No. 64, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the highway extending from the East Side Trunk line near West Ossipee, to the state road in Tamworth Village.

Severally to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Hoyt of Concord, House Joint Resolution No. 65, Joint resolution for the building of a fish screen at the outlet of Walker's pond in the towns of Boscawen and Webster. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Berry of Rye, House Joint Resolution No. 66, Joint resolution for the repair of the state road leading from Rye Harbor westwardly to the Straw's Point road and thence southerly and easterly following said Straw's Point road to the new boulevard or new state highway all in the town of Rye. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

(Mr. Childs of Hillsborough in the chair.)

By Mr. Wheeler of Derry, House Joint Resolution No. 67, Joint resolution for the building of a fish screen at the outlet of Island pond in the towns of Derry, Hampstead and Atkinson. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen, House Joint Resolution No. 68, Joint resolution in favor of Miles W. Roby. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Emerson of Hanover, House Bill No. 331, An act in amendment of chapter 106 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act for the production and sale of pure milk in the markets of the state." To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Bean of Concord, House Bill No. 332, An act relating to the salary of the deputy register of probate of the county of Merrimack.

By Mr. Bean of Concord, House Bill No. 333, An act providing for the dissolution of religious societies.

By Mr. Couch of Concord, House Bill No. 334, An act to provide for voting at biennial elections and the primaries

thereof by electors when absent from the county wherein they are entitled to vote.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Dodge of Laconia, House Bill No. 335, An act to amend chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross-state highways. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Downs of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 336, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 37 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act providing for the appointment of bail commissioners for cities and towns." To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Lee of Concord, House Bill No. 337, An act to regulate the practice of embalming and the transportation of dead human bodies. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Huntress of Keene, House Bill No. 338, An act in amendment of "An act to incorporate the North Conway & Mt. Kearsarge Railroad" passed June Session, 1883, and all subsequent acts relating to it. To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 339, An act in amendment of chapter 163 of the Laws of 1911 in relation to employers' liability and workmen's compensation. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. French of Moultonborough, House Bill No. 340, An act to provide for the assessment and collection of annual state tax for the term of two years. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, House Bill No. 341, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 35, Laws of 1897, relating to homicide and offenses against the person. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, House Bill No. 342, An act to create the state commission market.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, House Bill No. 343, An act to amend chapter 220 of the Session Laws of 1913, "An act relating to the purchase of milk, cream and butter within the state for shipment and sale without the state."

Severally to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Bill No. 344, An act to regulate the business of making small loans. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Kendall of Nashua, House Bill No. 345, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 137 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 74 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the conveyance of real estate.

By Mr. Kendall of Nashua, House Bill No. 346, An act in amendment of Public Statutes, chapter 214, section 6, relating to state reporters and reports.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Kendall of Nashua, House Bill No. 347, An act authorizing the employment of prisoners on state highways, preparation of road material, and in state forestry, authorizing extra good time allowance and providing penalties for interference. To the Committee on State Prison.

By Mr. Sullivan of Manchester, House Bill No. 348, An act regulating public dancing in the city of Manchester. To the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester under the motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester.

By Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, House Bill No. 349, An act to enable administrators and executors to mortgage real estate. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Gaudreau of Somersworth, House Bill No. 350, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 171 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Somersworth."

Read a first a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Gaudreau of Somersworth, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Somersworth.

(The Speaker in the chair.)

By Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, House Bill No. 351, An act for appointment of guardians.

By Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, House Bill No. 352, An act providing for the payment of costs in criminal cases.

By Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, House Bill No. 353, An act providing for the employment of prisoners on the public highways of the state.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, House Bill No. 354, An act providing for lights on bicycles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Bill No. 355, An act to require certain buildings to be equipped with an approved system of automatic sprinklers.

By Mr. Clark of Concord, House Bill No. 356, An act relating to snow guards on buildings.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Marshall of Dover, House Bill No. 357, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to the board of assessors.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Marshall of Dover, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover.

By Mr. Woodman of Milford, House Bill No. 358, An act for an investigation of the desirability of establishing a state bureau of markets. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Wheeler of Derry, House Bill No. 359, An act to provide for the licensing and regulation of public automobiles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wheeler of Derry, House Bill No. 360, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1913, relating to the Rockingham road. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Wheeler of Derry, House Bill No. 361, An act in amendment of chapter 249 of the Public Statutes entitled "Police officers and watchmen." To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wheeler of Derry, House Bill No. 362, An act

providing for the marking of the location of cess-pools, and other underground vats, wells and basins. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Bell of Exeter, House Bill No. 363, An act in amendment of chapter 141 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Liens of mechanics and others."

By Mr. Bell of Exeter, House Bill No. 364, An act to incorporate the Merrill Institute and Free Lecture association of the town of Exeter.

By Mr. Bell of Exeter, House Bill No. 365, An act in reference to the so-called "Robinson Female Seminary funds" of the town of Exeter.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Webster of Holderness, House Bill No. 366, An act authorizing school districts to provide facilities for physical exercise and recreation for school children. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Davis of Sutton, House Bill No. 367, An act in amendment of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game.

By Mr. Davis of Sutton, House Bill No. 368, An act for the protection of trout breeding in the town of Sutton.

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Davis of Sutton, House Bill No. 369, An act to encourage sheep raising. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Davis of Sutton, House Bill No. 370, An act for the protection of poultry and game. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Brown of Dalton, House Bill No. 371, An act providing for the payment of a part of the damage caused by the deposit of anthrax germs in the Johns river. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Philpott of Rollinsford, House Bill No. 372, An act to establish and construct a state highway from Franklin square in the city of Dover through the town of Rollinsford to the Maine state line.

By Mr. Stackhouse of Derry, House Bill No. 373, An act to establish a state highway from Shute's corner on the

Rockingham road in the town of Derry to the Massachusetts state line in the town of Pelham.

By Mr. Stackhouse of Derry, House Bill No. 374, An act to amend chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross-state highways.

Severally to the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Scannell of Manchester, House Bill No. 375, An act in amendment of chapter 55, Session Laws of 1899, relating to the licensing of plumbers. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Perry of Keene, House Bill No. 376, An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies. To the Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Perry of Keene, House Bill No. 377, An act to make uniform the law of warehouse receipts. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Murphy of Rollinsford, House Bill No. 378, An act to amend section 27, chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, relating to motor vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Libby of Wolfeboro, House Bill No. 379, An act in relation to medical inspection of schools. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Berry of Rye, House Bill No. 380, An act in amendment of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1911, requiring the use of under-water exhausts or mufflers on certain motor boats.

By Mr. Dean of Danbury, House Bill No. 381, An act in amendment of chapter 145 of the Public Statutes relating to strays and lost goods.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Bill No. 382, An act authorizing the Nashua Manufacturing company to increase its capital stock. To the Committee on Judiciary.

(Mr. Bell of Plymouth in the chair.)

By Mr. Wheeler of Nashua, House Bill No. 383, An act in addition to and in amendment of the charter of the city of

Nashua, conferring additional powers on the board of fire commissioners, in certain cases.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, the rules were suspended and the bill, with such others relating to the city of Nashua as might be introduced, was referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua.

By Mr. Brogan of Plymouth, House Bill No. 384, An act in favor of Plymouth Normal school. To the Committee on Normal Schools.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Bill No. 385, An act to provide compensation for Grace Trudeau. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Mulvanity of Nashua, House Bill No. 386, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of Nashua creating a fire commission for said city," and authorizing the appointment of the chief engineer of the fire department an inspector of buildings in said city.

By Mr. Ravenelle of Nashua, House Bill No. 387, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of street sprinkling precincts within the limits of said city.

By Mr. Shattuck of Nashua, House Bill No. 388, An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers upon the board of police commissioners, in certain cases.

By Mr. Richard of Nashua, House Bill No. 389, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishing of garbage precincts, within the limits of said city.

Severally to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua under the motion of Mr. French of Nashua.

By Mr. Libby of Wolfeboro, House Bill No. 390, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Bill No. 391, An act to provide for the attesting and certifying of public records, deeds, instruments, and official copies in certain cases. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Bill No. 392, An act in amendment of the charter of Nashua. To the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua under the motion of Mr. French of Nashua.

By Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, House Bill No. 393, An act to create a bureau of markets. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Wesley of Dover, House Bill No. 394, An act to repeal section 27, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, and amendments thereto, relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquor. To the Committee on Liquor Laws.

By Mr. Wesley of Dover, House Bill No. 395, An act to regulate the dimming of head lights on motor vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Kendall of Nashua, House Bill No. 396, An act to provide for the better protection of useful birds and game by requiring the licensing of cats. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Hargraves of Nashua, House Bill No. 397, An act in amendment of chapter 43, section 12 of the Public Statutes, relative to the annual publication of vital statistics in town reports. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Sullivan of Nashua, House Bill No. 398, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua" conferring additional powers upon the board of public works of said city, in certain cases. To the special committee consisting

of the delegation from the city of Nashua under the motion of Mr. French of Nashua.

By Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 399, An act to better birth registration. To the Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Smith of Tamworth, House Bill No. 400, An act in amendment of chapter 36, Laws of 1913, relating to taxation of horses and cattle. To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Smith of Tamworth, House Bill No. 401, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Suncook and Ossipee road with the Meredith and West Ossipee road. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Collins of Lebanon, House Bill No. 402, An act in amendment of chapter 30, Laws of 1915, relating to municipal courts. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Clark of Concord, House Bill No. 403, An act in amendment of chapter 165 of the Laws of 1913, relating to the fish and game commission. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen, House Bill No. 404, An act relating to fences and common fields. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 405, An act to amend section 29, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws."

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 406, An act to amend section 32, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws."

Severally to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 407, An act amending section 5, chapter 176, Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to create the Littleton Village district." To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Collins of Lebanon, House Bill No. 408, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, providing for an extension of the system of cross-state highways. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Webster of Holderness, House Bill No. 409, An act in amendment of chapter 153, Laws of 1909, relating to the nomination of party candidates by direct primary. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Emerson of Hanover, House Bill No. 410, An act to enable colleges to obtain biological specimens for educational purposes. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Meader of Rochester, House Bill No. 411, An act establishing and changing the present location of a part of a system of continuous highways as enumerated in section 1, chapter 93, Laws of 1915. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Mousley of Langdon, House Bill No. 412, An act relating to employers' liability. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Gordon of Goffstown, House Bill No. 413, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

(The Speaker in the chair.)

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, House Bill No. 414, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 264 of the Laws of 1893, relating to the playing of ball and other games, and authorizing amateur baseball playing on Sunday. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Torsey of New Hampton, House Bill No. 415, An act to ratify the placing of the management and control of New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution under the control of its alumni and former students and teachers by its board of corporators. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Thomas of Farmington, House Bill No 416, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 35, Laws of 1905, relating to state highways. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Bennett of Dover, House Bill No. 417, An act relative to commuters' and pupils' tickets. To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 418, An act to govern the distribution of fines collected for violation of the motor vehicle laws. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 419, An act to amend section 23 of the charter of the city of Dover.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Wendell of Dover, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 420, An act entitled "An act to regulate the payment of witness fees of witnesses attending court under order of the county solicitor." To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Holmes of Greenland, House Bill No. 421, An act in amendment of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Davis of Lee, House Bill No. 422, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 59, Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 48, Laws of 1915, relating to injuries upon highways. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Hough of Lebanon, House Bill No. 423, An act relating to posting of ponds and streams. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, House Bill No. 424, An act to promote the public health by providing for one day of rest in seven for employees in certain employments. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, House Joint Resolution No. 69, Joint resolution appropriating \$2,000 for finishing and furnishing the state armory at Portsmouth. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Leighton of Exeter, House Bill No. 425, An act concerning the raising of dogs. To the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. Bilodeau of Rochester, House Bill No. 426, An

act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 30, Laws of 1915, relative to municipal courts, and establishing the Rochester police court. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 427, An act authorizing the borrowing of money by building and loan associations. To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Tarbell of Lyndeborough, House Bill No. 428, An act to establish and construct a state highway connecting the South Side highway in Wilton with the Contoocook Valley highway in Bennington. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Keyser of Haverhill, House Bill No. 429, An act in amendment of paragraph (a), section 28, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 430, An act in relation to the employment of expert assistance by the board of bank commissioners. To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Leavitt of Meredith, House Bill No. 431, An act relating to a closed season for hunting game. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Barry of Manchester, House Bill No. 432, An act to require the reporting of industrial accidents and occupational diseases.

By Mr. Barry of Manchester, House Bill No. 433, An act to provide an eight-hour day for employees engaged in state or county work.

Severally to the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Barry of Manchester, House Bill No. 434, An act to regulate jitneys.

By Mr. Haigh of Salem, House Bill No. 435, An act to amend the charter of the trustees of the Dow fund and donations to the Methodist Episcopal society in Salem, of 1826.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Horne of Rochester, House Bill No. 436, An act to amend section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes,

as amended by chapter 112, Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relative to county commissioners. To the Committee on County Affairs.

By Mr. Pearson of Laconia, House Joint Resolution No. 70, Joint resolution in favor of William D. Veazey Lumber company and Melvin M. Frye. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Curtis of Concord, House Bill No. 437, An act to protect the public using the highways. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 438, An act to amend section 1 of chapter 59 of the Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1 of chapter 48 of the Laws of 1915, relating to highways.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 439, An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, relating to the service of subpoenas and other process.

Severally to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Bill No. 440, An act in relation to the salary of the commissioner of labor. To the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials.

By Mr. Abbott of Wilton, House Bill No. 441, An act to prevent damage by partridges. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Badger of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 442, An act to amend sub-division 3 of section 1 of chapter 153 of the Laws of 1909, relating to the per centum required to constitute a "party." To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Donnelly of Manchester, House Bill No. 443, An act to provide state pay for the wives, minor children, parents or dependents of soldiers in the volunteer service of the United States. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, House Bill No. 444, An act to

repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use. To the Committee on Liquor Laws.

By Mr. Shannon of Laconia, House Bill No. 445, An act to amend section 9 of chapter 31 of the Public Statutes relative to the rights and qualifications of voters. To the Committee on the Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, House Bill No. 446, An act for the protection of fish and game. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Sullivan of Manchester, House Bill No. 447, An act providing for a commission to investigate high cost of meats, provisions and necessities of life. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Thompson of Jackson, House Bill No. 448, An act for the better protection of brook trout in the Ellis and Wild Cat rivers, their tributaries, the East and West Branches of the Saco river and the ponds in Carter's Notch, all situated in the northern part of Carroll and the southern part of Coös counties. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, House Bill No. 449, An act in amendment of chapter 153, Laws of 1909, entitled "An act to provide for the nomination of party candidates by direct primary," and all acts and parts of acts amendatory thereto. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Boynton of Jaffrey, House Bill No. 450, An act providing for state aid for school supervision in certain towns and school districts. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Bennett of Dover, House Bill No. 451, An act to provide for a place to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement of New Hampshire. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. McCarthy of Manchester, House Bill No. 452, An act in amendment of chapter 359, Laws of 1911, entitled "An act creating the office of street and park com-

missioner for the city of Manchester." To the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester under the motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester.

By Mr. Keyser of Haverhill, House Bill No. 453, An act making it an offense to ride without right on certain conveyances upon any railroad in this state. To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Putnam of Manchester, House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances, and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Jenkins of Loudon, House Bill No. 455, An act to establish and construct a state highway to be known as the Hollow Route boulevard. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Ready of Manchester, House Bill No. 456, An act in amendment of chapter 129 of the Session Laws of 1913 relating to intoxicating liquors. To the Committee on Liquor Laws.

By Mr. Winant of Concord, House Bill No. 457, An act to abolish capital punishment. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Sullivan of Manchester, House Bill No. 458, An act to prohibit employers from deducting from employees when late for work, more than the exact number of minutes. To the Committee on Labor.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Bill No. 459, An act providing for the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery. To the Committee on Public Health.

(Mr. Ahern of Concord in the chair.)

By Mr. Sanborn of Gilford, House Bill No. 460, An act in amendment of section 5, chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, relating to the choice of selectmen. To the Committee on Towns.

By Mr. Metcalf of Alstead, House Bill No. 461, An act relating to the use of school houses and other public prop-

erties for certain purposes. To the Committee on Education.

By Mr. Ready of Manchester, House Bill No. 462, An act in amendment of section 14 of chapter 95 of the Session Laws of 1903 relating to intoxicating liquors. To the Committee on Liquor Laws.

By Mr. Duffy of Franklin, House Bill No. 463, An act in relation to transportation of the members of the legislature. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Stanley of Piermont, House Bill No. 464, An act to set off a certain lot of land in the town school district of Haverhill and annex the same to the town school district of Piermont. To the Committee on Towns.

By Mr. Newell of Manchester, House Bill No. 465, An act relating to snow guards on buildings for the safety of the public. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. McFayden of Dover, House Bill No. 466, An act relative to the price of gas at Dover.

Read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

On motion of Mr. McFayden of Dover, the rules were suspended and the bill referred to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover.

By Mr. Gould of Claremont, House Bill No. 467, An act to provide a method of voting at any election by electors in the actual military service of the United States or others absent from their place of residence upon the day of any election. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Clark of Concord, House Bill No. 468, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 34 of the Public Statutes, relating to the manner of conducting elections in other cases and the preservation of ballots.

By Mr. Couch of Concord, House Bill No. 469, An act in amendment of the charter of the Page Belting company.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Rossiter of Claremont, House Bill No. 470, An act to incorporate the "Timber Lands Mutual Fire Insurance Co." To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Hill of Plaistow, House Bill No. 471, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 159, Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 127, Laws of 1915, relating to the forestry department. To the Committee on Forestry.

By Mr. Hill of Plaistow, House Bill No. 472, An act providing for the examination and registration of arborists. To the Committee on Forestry.

By Mr. Lear of Newbury, House Bill No. 473, An act relating to harvesting ice on public waters. To the Committee on Fisheries and Games.

By Mr. Wheeler of Nashua, House Bill No. 474, An act establishing a police commission for the city of Nashua. To the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua under the motion of Mr. French of Nashua.

By Mr. Rogers of Wakefield, House Bill No. 475, An act to change the name of the Wolfeboro Junction Fire district. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 476, An act to prohibit shooting from automobiles, motorcycles or other motor vehicles. To the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Wendell of Dover, House Bill No. 477, An act relative to electrifying the Dover and Portsmouth branch of the Boston and Maine Railroad. To the Committee on Railroads.

By Mr. Torsey of New Hampton, House Bill No. 478, An act to establish a state highway from Laconia to Ashland. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Dimmock of Sandown, House Bill No. 479, An act to amend chapter 169, Laws of 1911, relating to a permanent tax commission. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Walton of Hampton Falls, House Bill No. 480, An act to amend section 48, chapter 133, Session Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Wesley of Dover, House Bill No. 481, An act providing for public weighers of coal and other merchandise.

By Mr. Noyes of Claremont, House Bill No. 482, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 61, Public Statutes, relating to collection of taxes of non-residents.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen, House Bill No. 483, An act relating to taxation of money on hand. To the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. Hall of Manchester, House Bill No. 484, An act allowing cities to retire and pension police officers under certain conditions.

By Mr. Perry of Keene, House Bill No. 485, An act in relation to employers' liability and providing compensation for injuries sustained by employees in the course of their employment.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Perry of Keene, House Joint Resolution No. 71, Joint resolution to provide for a deficiency in the expenses of the insurance department for the year ending August 31, 1916. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Eastman of Jefferson, House Joint Resolution No. 72, Joint resolution to provide for the construction, repair and maintenance of the highway between the first and second Connecticut lake in Pittsburg.

By Mr. Hazeltine of Thornton, House Joint Resolution No. 73, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the main road on the east side of the river from Campton town line to the West Thornton bridge in the town of Thornton.

Severally to the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Kendall of Nashua, House Bill No. 486, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act establishing a municipal court and abolishing existing police courts."

By Mr. Balch of Henniker, House Bill No. 487, An act to provide for the suspension of the rules of evidence to prevent injustice.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

(The Speaker in the chair.)

By Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Bill No. 488, An act to provide for the election by the people of the police commissioners of the city of Manchester. To the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester under the motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester.

By Mr. Clark of Concord, House Bill No. 489, An act to make competent declarations of deceased persons under certain circumstances, and to repeal sections 16, 17, 18 and 19 of chapter 224 of the Public Statutes. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. French of Nashua, House Joint Resolution No. 74, Joint resolution appropriating money to reimburse the city of Nashua.

By Mr. Clark of Concord, House Joint Resolution No. 75, Joint resolution in favor of Daniel Kidder of Rumney for necessary expenses incurred in maintaining his right to a seat in this House.

Severally to the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Gilman of Madison, House Joint Resolution No. 76, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the Silver Lake road in Madison. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Rogers of Wakefield, House Joint Resolution No. 77, Joint resolution to screen the outlet to Great East lake in Wakefield. To the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

By Mr. Rogers of Wakefield, House Joint Resolution No. 78, Joint resolution in favor of repairing Tumbledown Dick road in the town of Brookfield. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Callahan of Keene, House Joint Resolution No. 79, Joint resolution relating to the expenses of the commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Cummings of Littleton, House Joint Resolution

No. 80, Joint resolution in favor of Omer Janelle of Manchester. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. White of Eaton, House Joint Resolution No. 81, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of Tumble-down Dick road in the town of Brookfield. To the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

By Mr. Dole of Concord, House Bill No. 490, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1907, and in amendment of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1911 and all amendment thereto and relating to the taxation of savings banks. To the Committee on Banks.

By Mr. Barry of Manchester, House Bill No. 491, An act to inhibit spiritous liquor in no license territory. To the Committee on Liquor Laws.

By Mr. Ryder of Manchester, House Bill No. 492, An act relating to Grace church in Manchester. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Kidder of Rumney, House Joint Resolution No. 82, Joint Resolution in favor of the Bethesda home for needy children. To the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. McDaniel of Barrington, House Joint Resolution No. 83, Joint resolution appropriating money for New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts. To the Committee on Agricultural College.

By Mr. Pearson of Laconia, House Joint Resolution No. 84, Joint resolution to provide for the erection and equipment of a head house and drill shed at the armory in Laconia. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Shannon of Laconia, House Joint Resolution No. 85, Joint resolution in favor of John H. Dow & Company of Laconia. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Berry of Rye, House Joint Resolution No. 86, Joint resolution providing for repairs on discontinued state highway in the town of Rye. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Connor of Manchester, House Joint Resolution No. 87, Joint resolution in favor of Michael S. Donnelly. To the Committee on Claims.

By Mr. Parker of Kingston, House Bill No. 493, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1915, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 494, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 120 of the Laws of 1909, relative to sentences to the state prison.

Severally to the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Leach of Concord, House Bill No. 495, An act in amendment of section 9, chapter 286 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 25, Session Laws of 1909, and chapter 100, Session Laws of 1911, relating to clerical expenses in the adjutant-general's office. To the Committee on Military Affairs.

By Mr. Kimball of Marlborough, House Bill No. 496, An act to incorporate the Marlborough Water Works company. To the Committee on Incorporations.

By Mr. Shute of Exeter, House Bill No. 497, An act for the establishment of a state police adjunctive to the law department. To the Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Tuttle of Keene, House Bill No. 498, An act to incorporate the Troy Blanket Mills Railway. To the Committee on Incorporations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That an invitation be extended to the Hon. R. S. Naon, ambassador from Argentina at Washington, to visit New Hampshire at a date in the near future and address the legislature on Trade Relations and Expansion, with the United States.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 13, An act to amend the charter of the city of Berlin.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 13, An act to amend the charter of the city of Berlin.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Wallace W. Dole of Washington, having qualified before His Excellency, the Governor, appeared and took his seat as a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 4.45 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, at 4.46 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Bartlett of Manchester and Wellman of Keene were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

The Committee on State Prison was granted leave of absence for this afternoon on account of visiting the institution.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 67, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 10 of Session Laws of 1913, re-

lating to county agents, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 5, An act to legalize the biennial election held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the town of Wilton, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

"SECTION 1. That the votes and proceedings at the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Wilton, Bethlehem, Sutton and Northwood be and hereby are legalized and confirmed."

Amend the title of said bill by changing the word "election" to "elections"; change the word "town" to "towns"; and after the word "Wilton" add the words "Bethlehem, Sutton and Northwood," so that said title as amended shall read: "An act to legalize the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Wilton, Bethlehem, Sutton and Northwood."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 28, An act to legalize the biennial election held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the town of Bethlehem, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 32, An act to legalize the biennial election held on the seventh day of November,

1916, in the town of Sutton, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 55, An act to legalize the biennial election held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the town of Northwood, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 64, An act to facilitate the union of members of Baptist and Freewill Baptist churches of New Hampshire into a common organization, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the title of said bill by adding at the end thereof the following: "And in amendment of an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Baptist convention of the State of New Hampshire, passed June 24, 1826, amended June 29, 1860, February 23, 1897, February 20, 1901, February 22, 1911 and February 21, 1913,' " so that said title as amended shall read:

"An act to facilitate the union of members of Baptist and Freewill Baptist churches of New Hampshire into a common organization, and in amendment of an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Baptist convention of the State of New Hampshire, passed June 24, 1826, amended June 29, 1860, February 23, 1897, February 20, 1901, February 22, 1911 and February 21, 1913.' "

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Beaman of Cornish offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire legislature mourns the great loss which the educational and agricultural interests of the state have sustained in the death of Dr. Edward T. Fairchild, president of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the service of the state to which President Fairchild gave his life should be officially recognized, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That we hereby express our appreciation of President Fairchild's work for the college and the state and authorize the appointment of a special committee, consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to attend the funeral as representatives of this General Court.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

The Speaker appointed as such committee, Messrs. Beaman of Cornish, Connor of Manchester and Bell of Plymouth.

ORDERS VACATED.

On motion of Mr. McKay of Manchester,—

Resolved, That the order whereby House Joint Resolution No. 58, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of the state for the year ending August 31, 1917, and House Joint Resolution No. 59, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of this state for the year ending August 31, 1918, and House Joint Resolution No. 60, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of the state for the year ending August 31, 1919, were referred to the Committee on Appropriations, be vacated, and the joint resolutions be referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Woodman of Milford,—

Resolved, That the order whereby House Bill No. 207, An act in amendment of chapter 96, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 138, Laws of 1915, relating to roadside improvement, was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, be vacated, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Forestry.

On motion of Mr. Clough of Alton, at 11.25 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Walton of Hampton Falls, Lowe of Laconia, Morang of Dover, Alton of Lincoln and Clough of Alton were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Mr. Lear of Newbury was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

THIRD READINGS.

House Bill No. 5, An act to legalize the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Wilton, Bethlehem, Sutton and Northwood.

House Bill No. 64, An act to facilitate the union of members of Baptist and Freewill Baptist churches of New Hampshire into a common organization, and in amendment of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Baptist convention of the state of New Hampshire passed June 24, 1826, amended June 29, 1860, February 23, 1897, February 20, 1901, February 22, 1911 and February 21, 1913."

House Bill No. 67, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 10 of Session Laws of 1913 relating to county agents.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

ORDER VACATED.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard of Rochester,—

Resolved, That the order whereby House Bill No. 411, An act establishing and changing the present location of a part of a system of continuous highways as enumerated in section 1, chapter 93, Laws of 1915, was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, be vacated, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire legislature mourns the great loss which the educational and agricultural interests of the state have sustained in the death of Dr. Edward T. Fairchild, president of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the service of the state to which President Fairchild gave his life should be officially recognized, therefore, be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That we hereby express our appreciation of President Fairchild's work for the college and the state and authorize the appointment of a special committee, consisting of two on the part of the Senate and three on the part of the House, to attend the funeral as representatives of this General Court.

And the President has appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Collins and Bates.

The message further announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 3 An act in relation to contracts of labor.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted

to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following House Joint Resolution and had voted to concur in the passage of the same, with amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

House Joint Resolution No. 40, Joint resolution in favor of the widow of Patrick McGreevy of Manchester.

Amend said resolution by striking out the word "at" in the eighth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word "and," so that the same as amended shall read as follows:

"That Mrs. Patrick McGreevy, widow of Patrick McGreevy, member of the House, be allowed the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200); that the governor be authorized to draw his warrant for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and that the same be paid at once."

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The joint resolution was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 3, An act in relation to contracts of labor.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Labor.

Mr. McCarthy of Somersworth, having qualified before His Excellency, the Governor, appeared and took his seat as a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Lee of Concord, at 3.18 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Jonathan S. Lewis of Amherst.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following joint resolution:

House Joint Resolution No. 40, Joint resolution in favor of the widow of Patrick McGreevy of Manchester.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 40, An act in amendment of chapter 32, Laws of 1911, relating to the perpetual care of cemetery lots, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 46, An act to amend chapter 6 of the Laws of 1915, with reference to changing the name of Spectacle pond in Sunapee, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes relating to persons and property liable to taxation, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 111, An act to authorize the Warner Village Fire district to refund its bonded

indebtedness, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 105, An act in amendment of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to fees and costs in certain cases, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 57, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 255 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Judgment and execution," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 7, An act in relation to fees of witnesses in all legal proceedings, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 1 thereof after the words "two dollars" in the ninth line, so that section 1 of said bill as amended shall read:

"SECTION 1. Amend chapter 287 of the Public Statutes by striking out the whole of section 13, and inserting in place thereof the following: 'SECT. 13. The fees of witnesses shall be, for each day's attendance before a municipal or justice court, one dollar; for each day's attendance before the superior and probate courts, and all other legally constituted auditors, referees, magistrates, or officials having the power to summon witnesses, two dollars.'"

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 18, An act to author-

ize the Whitefield Village Fire district to refund its bonded indebtedness, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 1 and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. That the Whitefield Village Fire district of Whitefield, established under chapter 167 of the Session Laws of 1893, is hereby authorized and empowered at any regular meeting of said district, or special meeting called for that purpose, by a majority vote of those present and voting, to refund its bonded indebtedness by an issue of bonds, not in excess of fifty thousand dollars, payable at such times, not to exceed twenty years from the date of issue, and at such rates of interest, not in excess of four per cent per annum, as shall be voted at such meeting."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 24, An act relating to the term of office of the solicitor of Merrimack county, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 1 thereof and inserting the following section 1:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of chapter 25 of the Public Statutes by adding at the end thereof the words "except that the solicitor of Merrimack county shall take his office on the first day of January next succeeding his election," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. There shall be chosen at each biennial election, by ballot, by the inhabitants of the several towns in each county qualified to vote for senators, a sheriff, a county solicitor, a county treasurer, a register of deeds, a register of probate, and three county commissioners, each of whom shall take his office on the first day of April next succeeding his election, and shall hold the same for two years and until his successor is chosen and qualified, ex-

cept that the solicitor of Merrimack county shall take his office on the first day of January next succeeding his election."

Amend the title of said bill by striking it out and inserting the following title:

"An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 25 of the Public Statutes relating to election of county officers."

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 38, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be committed to the Committee on Judiciary which has the general subject-matter under its consideration.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 19, An act in amendment of section 21 of chapter 278 of the Public Statutes relating to aggravated assault, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of Chester Abbott of Bath, reported that having heard all the evidence presented, find that at the biennial election held in said town of Bath on the seventh day of November, 1916, the said petitioner received a plurality of all the votes cast for representatives, and the committee had adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Chester Abbott of Bath is entitled to a seat in this House.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the petition of George A. Batchelder of North Hampton, reported that having heard all the evidence presented, find that Alfred L. Marston, the sitting member from North Hampton, is entitled to his seat in this House, and had adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner be given leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' hall be extended for the purpose of having the members of the legislature hear Prof. Lewis Jerome Johnson of Harvard University, on the subject of the preferential ballot, on Wednesday the 31st day of January, 1917, at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

On motion of Mr. Brennan of Peterborough,—

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' hall be granted to the New Hampshire Prisoners' Aid association for a public meeting to be addressed by Thomas Mott Osborne of New York, Tuesday evening, February 20.

ORDER VACATED.

On motion of Mr. Emerson of Hanover,—

Resolved, That the order whereby House Bill No. 410, An act to enable colleges to obtain biological specimens for educational purposes was referred to the Committee on Education, be vacated, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Fisheries and Game.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough,—

Resolved, That House Joint Resolution No. 49, Joint resolution to provide for expert inspection of acts and resolutions passed by the legislature, be recalled from the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

House Bill No. 7, An act in relation to the fees of witnesses in all legal proceedings.

House Bill No. 18, An act to authorize the Whitefield Village Fire precinct to refund its bonded indebtedness.

House Bill No. 24, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 25 of the Public Statutes relating to election of county officers.

House Bill No. 40, An act in amendment of chapter 32, Laws of 1911, relating to the perpetual care of cemetery lots.

House Bill No. 46, An act to amend chapter 6 of the Laws of 1915 with reference to changing the name of Spectacle pond in Sunapee.

House Bill No. 57, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 255 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Judgment and execution."

House Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes relating to persons and property liable to taxation.

House Bill No. 111, An act to authorize the Warner Village Fire district to refund its bonded indebtedness.

House Bill No. 105, An act in amendment of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to fees and costs in certain cases.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 and that when it adjourns then it be to meet at 7.30 Monday evening.

ORDER VACATED.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Sutton,—

Resolved, That the order whereby House Bill No. 159, "An act relating to butter," was referred to the Committee on Public Health, be vacated, the bill be recalled and committed to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Abbott of Bath having qualified before His Excellency, the Governor, appeared and took his seat as a member of the House.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 11.43 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment. The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., January 26, 1917.

Eugene W. Leach, Esq.

Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,

Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 9.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

The following letter was read by the clerk:

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CONCORD, N. H., January 29, 1917.

*Walter H. Beane, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Corey of Brookline and Whitney of Barnstead were granted leave of absence for the week on account of important business.

Mr. Proulx of Franklin was granted leave of absence for the day on account of a death in his family.

Mr. Murchie of Concord was granted leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 37, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, relating to publication of vital statistics in towns, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 26, An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other public libraries, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by adding the words "and consent" after the word "advice," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. (Trustees—Appointment.) The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint three persons as trustees of the state library."

Amend section 6 by adding the words "and consent" after the word "advice," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 6. (Trustees—Vacancies.) Vacancies shall be filled by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for the unexpired term."

Amend section 7 by adding the words "and consent" after the word "advice," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 7. (Trustees—Removal.) Upon reasonable cause shown, the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, may remove members of the trustees."

Amend section 9 by striking out the words "the trustees shall have full power and authority to incur indebtedness under the above appropriations, subject to the limitation that the amounts appropriated shall not be exceeded."

Amend section 29 by adding the word "them" after the word "keeping" in the third line of the original draft, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 29. (State Library Building.) The trustees shall be the custodians of the state library building and grounds, maintain them in suitable repair and provide for keeping them in suitable condition at all times for the use of the state library and the supreme court. The state librarian shall be the executive officer of the trustees in the performance of these duties. The supreme court room

shall be under the immediate supervision of the judges of the court."

Amend section 31 by adding the words "and consent" after the word "advice" in the second and fifth lines of the original draft, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 31. (Appointment.) Upon the passage of this act, the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint four residents of the state to serve one, two, three, and four years, respectively, upon said commission, and thereafter, upon the expiration of terms, the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a successor for a term of four years. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and have qualified."

Amend section 32 by adding the words "and consent" after the word "advice," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 32. (Vacancies.) Vacancies in said commission shall be filled by appointment by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for the unexpired term."

Amend section 34 by adding the words "and consent" after the word "advice," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 34. (Removal.) The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, may remove any member of the commission, after proper cause shown at a hearing, duly notified, and may appoint a successor for the unexpired term."

Amend section 59 by inserting the word "and" before the word "manuals" in the fourth line of the original draft, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 59. (State Publications.) The secretary of state shall send copies of the following state publications to each free public library in the state as soon as issued: Session laws, journals of the House and Senate, law reports, state papers, and manuals and annual department reports."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 89, An act to amend chapter 5 of the Public Statutes relating to the publication and distribution of statutes, journals and reports, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 47, An act providing for the record of births and deaths in towns, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 5, An act to legalize the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Wilton, Bethlehem, Sutton and Northwood.

House Bill No. 54, An act to establish a new apportionment for the assessment of public taxes.

House Bill No. 64, An act to facilitate the union of members of Baptist and Freewill Baptist churches of New Hampshire into a common organization, and in amendment of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Baptist convention of the state of New Hampshire," passed June 24, 1826, amended June 29, 1860, February 23, 1897, February 20, 1901, February 22, 1911, February 21, 1913.

The report was accepted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Rules, reported that the committee recommended the adoption of the rules of the 1915 session without change and further recommend that the rules be published in the journal of the House.

RULES OF THE HOUSE.

OF THE DUTY OF THE SPEAKER.

1. The Speaker shall take the chair at precisely the hour to which the House shall have adjourned, and shall immediately call the members to order.

2. He shall preserve decorum and order, may speak on points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members.

3. Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "As many as are of opinion that (as the case may be) say aye;" and after the affirmative vote is expressed, "Those of a contrary opinion say No." If the Speaker doubts or a division is called for, the House shall divide. Those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats and shall stand till they be counted, and afterwards those in the negative shall rise and stand till they be counted. The Speaker shall then rise and state the decision of the House.

4. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker unless otherwise directed by the House.

6. The Speaker shall designate to which of the standing committees all memorials, petitions, accounts, or other matters shall be referred, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

7. The Speaker shall not be called upon to vote unless the House be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal; and in case of such equal division the question shall be lost.

8. All acts, addresses, and joint resolutions shall be assigned by the Speaker; and all writs, warrants or subpoenas, issued by order of the House, shall be under his hand and seal attested by the clerk.

9. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the galleries, the Speaker or chairman of the committee of the

whole House shall have the power to order the same to be cleared.

10. No person but the members and officers of the House, members of the council, and members of the Senate, the secretary of the state, treasurer, and clerks of the Senate shall be admitted within the door of the Representatives' chamber unless by invitation of the Speaker, or some member of the House with the consent of the Speaker, except in public hearings, parties, their counsel and witnesses, under the direction of the Speaker.

11. The Speaker shall have power to substitute any member to perform the duties of the chair, such substitution not to extend beyond one legislative day.

OF DECORUM AND DEBATE.

12. When any member is about to speak in debate, make a motion, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the Speaker.

13. If any member transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call him to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, and the question of order shall then be distinctly stated from the chair; and in all cases where a member shall be called to order for uttering disrespectful words, upon the request of any member the words objected to shall be reduced to writing by the member so calling to order; after which the member so called to order may explain, and the question shall be open to debate, as in other cases, and decided by the Speaker, whose decision shall be submitted to unless an appeal be made to the House, by a member, in which case the only question shall be, "Is the Speaker's decision correct?" which shall be decided without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he may proceed; if otherwise, and the case may require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House.

14. In all cases the member first rising shall speak first.

When two members rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the person to speak.

15. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without leave of the House; nor more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

16. While the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, no one shall walk out of or across the House; nor in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse; nor, while a member is speaking shall pass between him and the chair; nor shall any member leave his seat while the yeas and nays are calling.

17. No member shall vote on any question in the event of which he is directly interested; nor in any case where he was not present when the question was put; nor sit upon any committee when he is directly interested in the question under consideration. In case of such interest of a member of a committee, the fact shall be reported to the House, and another person substituted on that question in his place.

18. Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reason, shall excuse him.

19. No motion shall be debated until the same shall be seconded and stated from the chair; and when a motion shall be made and seconded, it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the Speaker or any member, and delivered at the table, and read by the Speaker, before the same shall be debated.

20. No petition shall be received by the House unless it be presented by a member thereof, nor until the substance of said petition be concisely minuted, and the name of the member, and the town he represents, recorded upon the back thereof; and it shall be the duty of the Speaker to state, in the first place, the substance of the petition as minuted on the back thereof.

21. After a motion is stated by the Speaker, it shall be in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before an amendment.

22. When any question is under debate, no motion shall

be received, but first, to adjourn; second, to lay on the table; third, for the previous question; fourth, to postpone indefinitely; fifth, to postpone to a certain day; sixth, to commit; seventh, to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, and to take from the table, shall be decided without debate.

23. The Speaker shall put the previous question in the following form: "Shall the main question now be put?" and all debate upon the main question shall be suspended until the previous question has been decided. After the adoption of the previous question, the sense of the House shall forthwith be taken upon pending amendments, in their regular order, and then upon the main question. The motion for the previous question shall not be put unless demanded by three members.

24. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion for the previous question and related to the subjects affected by the order of the previous question shall be decided without debate.

25. If the previous question is decided in the negative, it shall not be again in order until after adjournment, but the main question shall be left before the House and disposed of as though the previous question had not been put.

26. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon during the session except by unanimous consent.

27. Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it; and upon a motion to amend, a refusal to strike out words shall neither preclude amendment to such words nor a motion to strike out and insert.

28. A motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment to the main question, and all motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the House.

29. No new motion shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion under debate.

30. No vote shall be reconsidered, unless the motion for reconsideration be made by a member who voted with the majority, nor unless the notice of such motion be given on the same day on which the vote passed, or on the next day on which the House shall be in session, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

31. When the reading of a paper is called for and objected to by any member it shall be determined by a vote of the House.

32. Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of two other committees which have not reported.

33. Each member shall seasonably and punctually attend to his duty in the House, and no one shall absent himself from the service of the House unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

34. The Speaker shall appoint a teller for each division of the House, whose duty it shall be to report to the chair the state of the vote, whenever a division of the House is called for.

OF COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

35. The following standing committees shall be appointed early in the January session:

A committee on revising and compiling the laws of the state; a committee on national affairs; a committee on elections; a committee on the judiciary; a committee on banks; a committee on the state prison; a committee on insurance; a committee on the state agricultural college; a committee on agriculture; a committee on manufactures; a committee on appropriations; a committee on retrenchment and reform; a committee on military affairs; a committee on education; a committee on the state normal schools; a committee on incorporations; a committee on towns; a committee on county affairs; a committee on labor; a committee on state hospital; a committee on railroads; a committee on roads, bridges and canals; a committee on unfinished business; a committee on mileage; a committee on fisheries and game; a committee on the industrial

school; a committee on soldiers' home; a committee on claims; a committee on forestry; a committee on public health; a committee on public improvements; a committee on school for the feeble-minded; a committee on ways and means; a committee on liquor laws, to consist of fifteen members each; a committee on journal of the House, to consist of three members, one of whom shall be the Speaker; a committee on rules, to consist of five members, one of whom shall be the Speaker.

It shall be the duty of the committee on revising and compiling the laws to consider all matters relating to those subjects and recommend such changes, modifications, and additions as may be desirable; also to consider all bills, resolutions, and reports of committees relating to those subjects which may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on national affairs to consider all matters of national concern, all matters referred to the state by the general government, and all matters pertaining to our federal relations, that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on elections to examine and report upon the certificates or other credentials of the election of the members returned to serve in this House, and to take into consideration all petitions and other matters in relation to elections or returns as shall be presented, or come into question, and shall be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on the judiciary to take into consideration all matters in relation to the judiciary system of the state; and all matters where a constitutional question is involved. All applications for acts of incorporation which under the rules would be referred to the committee on incorporations or manufactures, shall first be referred to the committee on the judiciary to inquire whether the object of the applicants cannot be obtained by voluntary incorporation under the general laws of the state, and shall report accordingly.

It shall be the duty of the committee on banks to consider all applications for the incorporation of banks, and all

subjects relating to such institutions that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on the state prison to take into consideration all matters in relation to the state prison, to examine all reports and accounts that may be submitted by the warden, or that may be otherwise referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on insurance to consider all applications for the incorporation of insurance companies, and all subjects relating to insurance companies, domestic and foreign, and whether life, fire, marine, accidental, or of any other character, that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on the state agricultural college to examine into the rules and government of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, and all matters connected therewith, and all such other matters as may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on agriculture to take into consideration all matters concerning the agricultural interests, and the incorporation of agricultural societies, that shall be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on manufactures to consider all matters concerning the manufacturing interests of the state, and all applications for incorporation for manufacturing purposes, which shall be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on appropriations to examine and take into consideration the state of the treasury, to report what sum it may be necessary to raise as a state tax, and on every subject touching the financial interests of the state that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on retrenchment and reform to take into consideration the public expenditures and all questions relating thereto; and also to consider all questions relating to the subject of administrative reforms in the various departments of the state government that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on military affairs to consider all applications for altering and amending laws regulating the militia of this state, and for the removal of military officers, that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on education to consider all subjects relative to the regulation of school districts and schools, and all matters concerning education that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on the state normal schools to examine in relation to the government of the state normal schools and all matters connected therewith, and all such other matters as may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on incorporations to consider all applications for acts of incorporation, and all other matters which may come in question relative to bodies corporate, that may be referred to it, excepting those relating to towns, parishes, turnpikes, railroads, canals, banks, agricultural societies, and factories.

It shall be the duty of the committee on towns to consider all applications for the alteration of town lines by the annexation of one portion of a town to another, and all applications for incorporation of towns, by division of towns, or otherwise, that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on county affairs to consider all applications for the alteration of county lines or the creation of new counties, the salaries of county officers, the settlement of paupers, and all other matters relating to county affairs that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on labor to consider all petitions relating to labor and wages, and all other matters relating thereto that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on state hospital to examine all accounts of the state hospital, particularly of those relating to the expenditure of moneys appropriated by the state; to examine into the rules and government of the institution, and all matters of general interest connected therewith, and all such matters as shall be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on railroads to con-

sider all petitions for the incorporation of railroads, for alterations, and all matters relative thereto that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on roads, bridges, and canals to consider all applications for the incorporation of turnpikes, bridges or canals, and for the alteration of tolls, and all matters relative thereto that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on unfinished business to examine and report, from the journals of the last session, all such matters as were then pending and undetermined.

It shall be the duty of the committee on mileage to ascertain the distance traveled by each member of the House, and report to the House the names of the several members and the mileage allowed to each.

It shall be the duty of the committee on fisheries and game to consider all matters concerning the location, growth, cultivation, protection, improvement, and preservation of fish and game within the state, and all matters relative thereto, which may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on the industrial school to examine the rules and government of the institution, and all matters of general interest connected therewith, and all such matters as may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on soldiers' home to consider all the matters pertaining to the soldiers' home that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on forestry to consider all matters relating to the forests of the state and public parks that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on public health to consider all matters relating to the health of the inhabitants of the state and vital statistics that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on public improvements to consider all matters pertaining to public improvements in the state that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on school for the

feeble-minded to examine the rules and government of the institution, and all matters of general interest connected therewith, and all such matters as may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on claims to audit, adjust, and report on all accounts and claims that may be presented for allowance, except accounts for printing, military accounts, and accounts for engrossing bills.

It shall be the duty of the committee on journal of the House from day to day, and before the commencement of the morning session, to examine the journal of the preceding day, and report to the House at once any errors; *provided, however,* that the journal of the preceding day shall be read at the opening of any morning session whenever requested by any ten members.

It shall be the duty of the committee on ways and means to examine and take into consideration the state of the treasury, to consider and report on all bills and resolutions relating to raising money by a state tax, the apportionment of the same, and all other methods proposed for raising a revenue for the state; and to consider and report upon every other subject touching the financial interests of the state that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on liquor laws to consider all matters pertaining to the liquor laws of the state that may be referred to it.

It shall be the duty of the committee on rules to consider all matters pertaining to the rules of procedure of the House that may be referred to it.

36. All other committees shall consist of three members, unless otherwise ordered.

37. The standing committees shall attend at their respective committee-rooms two hours before the meeting of the House in the morning, and at such other times as the House shall order; and no committee shall sit during the sitting of the House unless when the Speaker shall consider it necessary. The committees shall promptly consider and report on all matters referred to them.

38. The first named member of any committee appointed

by the Speaker of the House shall be chairman; and in case of his absence, or being excused by the House, the next named member, and so on, as often as the case may happen, unless the committee by a majority of the number, elect a chairman. And when any committee shall report otherwise than by bill, they shall, if the subject admit of it, subjoin to their report a resolution making such disposition of the matter committed to them as to the committee shall seem expedient.

39. Whenever it shall not be convenient for any standing committee to attend properly to all the business which may be properly referred to it, the Speaker may, on a vote of the House to that effect, appoint an additional committee on the same subject, to consist of the same number of members as the original committee, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all matters in relation to that subject which shall be referred to it by the House, and to report thereon.

OF BILLS.

40. All petitions, memorials and other papers addressed to the House and all bills and resolutions to be introduced in the House, shall be endorsed with the name of the person or committee presenting them, with the subject-matter of the same, and shall be placed by the members presenting them in a box provided for the purpose by the clerk. The Speaker shall take them up for introduction at the morning session.

41. Every bill and resolution originally introduced into the House shall be expressed in words clearly, so that it shall not be necessary to refer to any other act or statute to ascertain the meaning thereof.

42. Every bill shall have three several readings in the House previous to its passage. The first reading shall be for information; and thereupon if it be not rejected or otherwise disposed of by the House, the question shall be, "Shall the bill be read a second time?" and if ordered to a second reading it shall immediately be read a second time

by its title, be laid upon the table to be printed under Rule 46, and be by the Speaker referred to the appropriate standing committee, unless otherwise ordered by the House. No bill after it has been read a second time shall have a third reading until after an adjournment. The time assigned for the third reading of bills and resolutions shall be three o'clock in the afternoon, unless otherwise ordered by the House.

43. No amendment shall be made but upon the second reading of a bill or joint resolution; and all bills and resolutions shall be in writing, with the name of the member and the town he represents on the back thereof. The orders of the day for the reading of bills and joint resolutions shall hold for every succeeding day until disposed of.

44. All bills, and all votes and resolutions that are necessary to be carried to the Senate for their concurrence, may be sent by the assistant clerk.

45. Every bill shall be marked on the first page "House bill," and every joint resolution shall be marked "House joint resolution," and each bill and resolution shall be regularly numbered, beginning with No. 1, and continuing consecutively, as each bill or joint resolution is introduced into the House.

46. Every bill and joint resolution introduced into the House, either by a member or by a committee, shall be declared by the Speaker laid upon the table, after it has been read a second time, and the clerk shall procure a sufficient number of copies, printed on paper of uniform size, for the use of the House, and cause the same to be distributed to the members, and when printed the bill shall be immediately delivered to the committee to which it shall have been referred. Bills and joint resolutions received from the Senate shall be printed at the same stage of their procedure unless they have been printed in the Senate and copies distributed in the House.

47. When a bill or joint resolution is reported favorably with an amendment, the report of the committee shall state the amendment and then recite the section of the bill or

resolution in full as amended. The bill or resolution, if the change is material, shall then be laid upon the table to be printed and distributed as required by rule 46 and when so printed and distributed the clerk shall, after one day, cause the same to be laid upon the Speaker's table, and it shall be taken up in order without motion and disposed of in the same manner as it would have been had it not been declared laid upon the table.

All bills or joint resolutions otherwise reported shall be laid upon the table and shall not be finally acted upon until the following legislative day, and a list of such bills or joint resolutions with the report thereon shall be published in the journal of proceedings for the day on which they were reported.

48. All bills and joint resolutions appropriating money, reported from any committee, shall be referred to the committee on appropriation for revision.

49. No standing rule or order of the House shall be rescinded without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor; nor suspended, unless by a vote therefor of two thirds of the members present.

OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE.

50. The House may resolve itself into committee of the whole House at any time, on the motion of a member made for that purpose; and in forming a committee of the whole House the Speaker shall leave the chair, and a chairman to preside in committee shall be appointed by the Speaker.

51. Upon bills and resolutions committed to a committee of the whole House, the bill or resolution shall first be read throughout by the clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble of the bill to be last considered; the body of the bill or resolution shall not be defaced or interlined, but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee and so reported to the House. After report, the bill or resolution shall again be subject to be debated and amended by

clauses before a question to pass it to a third reading be taken.

52. The rules of proceeding in the House shall be observed in committee of the whole House, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the time of speaking.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE DAY.

53. The Speaker shall call for petitions from members of the House. The petitions having been presented and disposed of, reports first from the standing and then from the select committees shall be called for and disposed of. And the above business shall be done in no other part of the day, except by permission of the House.

54. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the last preceding adjournment, if called for by any member, shall have the preference over all other business except the general order of the day; and no motion, or any other business except the general order of the day, shall be received without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.

RECONSIDERATION.

Mr. Couch of Concord asked unanimous consent to suspend the rule relating to reconsideration. Unanimous consent being given, it was voted on motion of Mr. Couch, that the vote whereby the House passed House Bill No. 7, An act in relation to the fees of witnesses in all legal proceedings, be reconsidered.

The question then being,
Shall the bill pass?

On motion of Mr. Couch, with the motion pending, the bill was put back upon its second reading and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 11.21 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. McIntosh of Dover was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Mr. Carr of Dover was granted leave of absence for Thursday on account of important business.

THIRD READINGS.

House Bill No. 37, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, relating to publication of vital statistics in towns.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 26, An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other public libraries.

The third reading being in order, on motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a third time by its title. The bill was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 54, An act to establish a new apportionment for the assessment of public taxes.

House Bill No. 64, An act to facilitate the union of members of Baptist and Freewill Baptist churches of New Hampshire into a common organization, and in amendment of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Baptist convention of the State of New Hampshire," passed June 24, 1826, amended June 29, 1860, February 23, 1897, February 20, 1901, February 22, 1911 and February 21, 1913.

House Bill No. 5, An act to legalize the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Wilton, Bethlehem, Sutton and Northwood.

The message further announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 18, An act in amendment of chapter 213 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Attorneys and counselors."

Senate Bill No. 2, An act in amendment of chapter 189 of the Public Statutes relating to inventory and accounts of administrators.

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 2, An act in amendment of chapter 189 of the Public Statutes relating to inventory and accounts of administrators.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Senate Bill No. 18, An act in amendment of chapter 213 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Attorneys and counselors."

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

ORDERS VACATED.

On motion of Mr. Philpott of Rollinsford,—

Resolved, That the order whereby House Bill No. 168, An act to provide for the freeing of Eliot toll bridge and authorize Strafford county to maintain the part lying within said county, was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, be vacated, and the bill be referred to the Strafford County delegation.

Mr. Richardson of Derry offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the order whereby House Bill No. 250, An act establishing and changing the present location of the Rockingham road connecting the Merrimack Valley road with the Massachusetts highway at the Massachu-

setts state line at Salem, N. H., was referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, be vacated, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Richardson withdrew the resolution.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester,—

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to procure additional copies of all bills relating to the city of Manchester.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, at 3.21 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Lewis of Amherst, Morse of Nashua and McLaughlin of Nashua were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Bartlett of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

Mr. Hough of Lebanon was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Kelley of Hill was granted leave of absence for Thursday on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover was granted leave of absence for Thursday on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 42, An act

in amendment of section 1, chapter 176 of the Laws of 1909, relating to insurance on state buildings, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 128, An act to amend chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913 relating to embezzlement by insurance agents, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 113, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 120, An act in amendment of section 5, chapter 166 of the Public Statutes, relative to building and loan associations, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 75, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes in relation to the examination of savings banks by trustees, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 74, An act in amend-

ment of section 5 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes limiting the expenses of saving banks, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 88, An act for the acceptance of the provisions of the federal aid road act, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 219, An act giving certain power to the justices of the superior court for the humane treatment of prisoners in county jails, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 171, An act in amendment of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the establishment of water works in the town of Troy, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 99, An act to exempt from taxation the Star Island property owned and used by the Unitarians for religious and educational purposes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 129, An act to amend chapter 63 of the Laws of 1915 relating to insurance

brokers, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the word "he" in lines seven and eighteen of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "such person, partnership, association or corporation," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Amend section 4 by adding the following: 'The term broker in this act shall include any person, partnership, association or corporation, who shall act or aid in any manner in the negotiation of insurance effective in this state, or shall solicit or receive any risk or application for such insurance, in any company for which such person, partnership, association or corporation is not licensed as an insurance agent by the insurance commissioner of this state, or who shall receive money or value therefor,'" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. No license under this act shall be required for salaried office clerks of insurance agents covering acts performed within the offices of such agents. The term broker in this act shall include any person, partnership, association or corporation, who shall act or aid in any manner in the negotiation of insurance effective in this state, or shall solicit or receive any risk or application for such insurance, in any company for which such person, partnership, association or corporation is not licensed as an insurance agent by the insurance commissioner of this state, or who shall receive money or value therefor."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 499, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 241 of the Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Laconia," with the recommendation that the bill be laid upon the table to be printed and then recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was accepted and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 500, An act relating to vacancies in the office of judge of probate, with the recommendation that the bill be laid upon the table to be printed and then recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was accepted and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 501, An act relating to desertion or abandonment of wife or minor children, with the recommendation that the bill be laid upon the table to be printed and then recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was accepted and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 502, An act in amendment of the charter of the New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged granted on June 28, 1876, as amended, with the recommendation that the bill be laid upon the table to be printed and then recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was accepted and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 33, An act relating to building and loan associations, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out all of said section after the word "corporation" in line 11 of the printed bill, and inserting in place thereof the following: "The rate of interest to be paid on matured shares shall not exceed four and one-half per cent. In no case shall matured shares

have preference over other shares," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Whenever shares of a given series reach the value of two hundred dollars, either by the payment of dues, the addition of a regular dividend, or the addition of interest, they shall be deemed matured and all payment of dues thereon shall cease, and the owner of each unpledged share shall be paid out of the funds of the corporation the matured value thereof, or if he shall so elect, and at the option of the directors, he may be given a certificate for the number of shares that have matured, and such shares shall continue as matured shares in said corporation. The rate of interest to be paid on matured shares shall not exceed four and one-half per cent. In no case shall matured shares have preference over other shares."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 167, An act to exempt the Home of the Friendly club from taxation, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the second clause in section 1 by striking out the same and inserting in place thereof the following: "WHEREAS, It is a charitable association, is non-sectarian, and its object is to provide a social center and home for young working women, or women receiving very low salaries, and to establish, maintain, and support a settlement for social, educational and moral enlightenment; therefore,"

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 85, An act to enable constables to serve process in actions wherein sheriffs and their deputies are parties or otherwise interested, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 thereof and inserting the following:

"SECTION 1. Amend section 4 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 52 of the Laws of 1905, by inserting after the words 'medical referee' wherever they occur the words 'or constable or a sheriff or deputy sheriff from another county,' and by adding thereto the words: 'In such cases the constable may serve processes wherein any amount is demanded in damages, and the limitation of section 5 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes shall not apply,'" so that said section as amended shall read:

"SECT. 4. When the sheriff is a party, or related to either party, or interested in the suit, the writ shall be directed to and served by a medical referee or constable, or by a sheriff or deputy sheriff from another county, and on the trial of the suit the medical referee, constable or such sheriff shall return talesmen and attend the jury, and shall have the powers and be subject to the liabilities, in relation thereto, of the sheriff in like cases. In such cases the constable may serve processes wherein any amount is demanded in damages, and the limitation of section 5 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes shall not apply."

Also amend said bill by adding a new section as follows:

"SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 12, An act providing for the comfort and hours of work of jurors, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by striking out the word "ten" in the third line and inserting the word "twelve" in place thereof, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Jurors deliberating on any case shall not be required to continue such deliberations without sleep and rest later than twelve o'clock in the evening. At that hour, or earlier, under such safeguards and conditions as the court in each case may direct, they shall be afforded suitable and proper opportunity for sleep and rest at the expense of the county for at least eight hours before taking up again their deliberations in the jury room."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 11, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 227 of the Public Statutes relating to impanelling jurors in civil cases, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following: "When the plaintiff and defendant have exhausted their challenges the court shall take unusual care and precaution that the jurors who take the places of the ones last challenged shall be wholly indifferent and impartial and reasonably satisfactory to both sides."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 132, An act to amend chapter 167 of the Public Statutes relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill be referred to the special committee to consider salaries of state officials.

The report was accepted and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 355, An act to require certain buildings to be equipped with an approved system of automatic sprinklers, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the subject-matter relates to the city of Manchester, the bill be referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 353, An act providing for the employment of prisoners on the public highways of the state, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be committed to the Committee on County Affairs which committee has the subject under consideration.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Libby of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 151, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915 relating to trust funds held by towns and cities, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary which has the general subject-matter under consideration.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Poole of Conway, for the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House Bill No. 400, An act in amendment of chapter 36, Laws of 1913, relating to taxation of horses and cattle, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 34, An act to provide for the free administration of justice in certain cases, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, presented the following report:

STATEMENT.

Hon. Arthur P. Morrill, Speaker of the House of Representatives,

Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR:

Complying with the resolution adopted by the House on January 23, 1917, I beg leave to submit the following statement:

The resolution asked first for a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures for the year ending August 31, 1917. This it is impossible to give until the close of the year,—the receipts can only be estimated, and such estimates in detail can be found in the treasurer's statement of January 1, 1917, which the members of the House already have. The receipts—namely, the income—vary but little from year to year, usually increasing slightly—and are given by the treasurer for year ending August 31, 1917, as follows:

INCOME FOR 1916-1917.

State tax	\$750,000
All other revenue receipts	1,418,535
Total income	<u>\$2,168,535</u>

Included in said Estimated Income are as follows:

From Plymouth Normal School	\$3,400
Keene Normal School	35,000
School for Feeble-Minded	2,600
State Hospital	60,000
State Prison	
State Sanatorium	3,450
Industrial School	<u>1,600</u>
Total	\$106,050

The appropriations made January Session, 1915, by the "Budget" for the year ending August 31, 1917, for the maintenance of said institutions, were made for the *net* amount required, the receipts having been deducted from the gross expenditures. By chapter 154, Laws of 1913, receipts of the institutions are turned into the state treasury, and can be drawn back, in addition to the "Budget" appropriations for the year. The said estimate of \$106,050 should be added to appropriations. I, therefore, add to estimated expenditures (Appropriations).

EXPENDITURES FOR 1916-1917.

Appropriations as per "Budget Bill"	\$1,836,300	
Estimated auto fees to be expended over the \$250,000 included in "Budget Bill" for 1916-1917	80,000	
Add amount as per chapter 154, Laws of 1913, detailed above . . .	106,050	
	<hr/>	\$2,022,350
In the expenditures, I have not included the appropriation liabilities as per treasurer's report August 3, 1916	\$351,777.90	
Special highway appropriation for the year . . .	150,000	
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		\$2,172,350
Deduct amount included in "Budget Bill" to pay maturing bonds	\$85,000	
Appropriations lapsing, estimated at	50,000	135,000
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Total expenditures		\$2,037,350
Total income		2,168,535
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Surplus		\$131,185

1917-1918.

Estimated income.....	\$2,175,000
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1918-1919.

Estimated income.....	\$2,175,000
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	<u>\$4,350,000</u>
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Income for the two years.....	\$4,350,000
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EXPENDITURES 1917-1918.

Requests by departments and institutions upon which the "Budget Bill" is based.....	\$2,041,042
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EXPENDITURES 1918-1919.

Requests by departments and institutions....	2,232,580
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Total requests for the two years.....	<u>\$4,273,622</u>
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There properly may be deducted
from above, the increase of
motor fees for the two years... \$205,000

Also Durham College for current expenses, \$50,000 per year for two years (See House Joint Res- olution No. 83, special appropri- ation)	<u>100,000</u>	<u>305,000</u>
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Requests as corrected.....	\$3,968,622
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Income for the two years over requests.....	<u><u>381,378</u></u>
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The "Budget Bills" for the two years ending
August 31, 1917, were as follows:

1915-1916.....	\$1,641,115
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1916-1917.....	<u>1,836,300</u>
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Total.....	<u>\$3,477,415</u>
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Increase of requests for the two years over

"Budgets" for the past two years.....	\$491,207
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(See itemized list of said requests, hereto annexed.)

ESTIMATES BY DEPARTMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR EXPENSES AND MAINTENANCE.

Departments and Institutions:	Year Ending Aug. 31, 1918.	Year Ending Aug. 31, 1919.
Executive Department.....	\$36,300	\$36,300
Secretary of State.....	22,100	26,500
Treasury.....	10,000	10,700
Insurance.....	12,000	12,050
Public Service.....	36,700	36,700
Bank Commission.....	12,600	12,500
Public Printing.....	3,300	3,300
Tax Commission.....	15,000	15,000
Department of Indexing.....	1,000	1,000
Board of Trustees.....	14,000	14,400
For Legislature.....	1,000	140,000
State House Department.....	19,200	20,000
Supreme Court.....	27,100	27,100
Superior Court.....	26,300	26,300
Attorney-General's Department..	15,700	16,300
Probate Court Department.....	9,900	9,900
Registers of Probate.....	11,200	11,200
Department of Public Instruction	23,870	26,370
For Schools.....	123,519	142,535
Mothers' Aid—Payment of		
Grants.....	30,000	30,000
Teachers' Pensions.....	21,808	24,028
Plymouth Normal School.....	35,000	35,000
Keene Normal School.....	35,000	35,000
Durham College.....	62,689	64,467
Deaf, Dumb and Blind.....	20,150	20,150
State Library.....	18,130	18,330
Board of Charities.....	24,700	25,100
Register of the Blind.....	5,000	5,000
Lunacy Commission.....	800	1,150
State Hospital, Maintenance....	301,600	313,664
Industrial School.....	49,700	49,300
State Prison.....	53,850	53,960
Soldiers' Home.....	17,000	17,000

Departments and Institutions:	Year Ending Aug. 31, 1918.	Year Ending Aug. 31, 1919.
Home for Feeble-Minded.....	\$65,000	\$75,200
State Sanatorium.....	34,000	34,000
Prisoners' Aid Association.....	200	200
Bureau of Labor.....	7,100	7,100
Department of Agriculture.....	38,100	38,100
Cattle Commission.....	22,500	22,500
State Board of Health.....	16,350	17,350
Laboratory of Hygiene.....	10,400	10,400
Vital Statistics.....	2,300	3,500
Pharmacy Commission.....	1,500	1,500
New Hampshire State Dental Board.....	500	500
Optometry Board.....	300	300
Medical Referees.....	50	50
Adjutant-General's Department..	69,600	70,000
Military Organizations.....	300	300
Bounty on Hedgehogs.....	5,500	5,500
Bounty on Grasshoppers.....	1,000	1,000
Lights and Buoys.....	2,000	2,000
Firemen's Relief Fund.....	2,000	2,000
Fish and Game Commission.....		
Forest Protection.....	62,300	62,300
Highways.....	125,000	125,000
Motor Fund.....	330,000	350,000
Interest Charges, and Maturing Bonds.....	145,876	120,526
G. A. R. Department.....	2,150	2,150
New Hampshire Historical Society	500	500
Old Home Week Observance.....	300	300
Totals.....	\$2,041,042	\$2,232,580

The above estimates do not include any *Special* appropriations. The increase called for, for departments and institutions, amounts to half a million dollars (\$491,207), and leaves for highways and other much needed purposes, only \$380,000. The highway department will need, in

order to meet the requirements of the "Federal Aid Act," a larger sum than usual,—estimated by the commissioner at \$400,000, for the two years. This more than uses up the surplus income unless the requests are very materially cut down. There are institutions calling for aid, and some of them should have it.

The total specials (see list annexed) call for \$3,968,622.

Query comes,—How shall we meet it?

I have talked with many members about it; I do not find any in favor of an increased state tax. A bond issue is not desirable on present market, if at all, and the alternative is to cut down expenses. I would suggest that you carefully examine the list of annexed estimates, see what is most needed—what is really needed—and cut out a large percentage of the specials asked for.

The population of New Hampshire has increased only *five* per cent, for the last ten years, and the "Budget Bill" (expenses) has increased *one hundred* per cent. In 1910 it was \$980,000 and now over \$2,000,000 is asked for for 1918.

I believe the Appropriation Committee, which is unusually strong,—and awake to the situation,—will do its full duty, if the House shows that it will stand behind it and sustain its action.

Our expenditures should be within our income, just as every individual's should be.

Annexed find list of special appropriations asked for, as per your request.

ITEMIZED LIST OF SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS ASKED FOR.

H. J. R.	1. To appoint commission—Free bridge between Portsmouth and Kittery, Me. . . .	\$2,500.00
	2. To provide an armory at Dover.	35,000.00
	3. To provide for a constitutional convention	35,000.00
	4. For erection of a monument at Gettysburg	25,000.00
	5. For a constitutional convention. (See H. J. R. 3.)	30,000.00
	6. For a fish screen at Montgomery lake.	300.00
	7. For improvements at the Industrial School	32,000.00

H. J. R.	8. For erection of monuments at Antietam...	\$8,750.00
	9. Aid for dependent mothers for 1917.....	14,000.00
	10. To provide an armory at Exeter.....	35,000.00
	11. In favor of Granite State Deaf Mute Mis- sion.....	300.00
	12. To include bridges in state aid.....	50,000.00
	13. For improvements at state prison.....	13,000.00
	14. For improvements at state sanatorium ...	41,100.00
	15. For a portrait of General George Reid	200.00
	16. For repair of road—Lancaster to Randolph	8,000.00
	17. Claim of George S. Forest for plans.....	1,200.00
	18. For public service commission for 1918....	36,700.00
	19. For public service commission for 1919....	36,700.00
	20. For lights and buoys for 1919.....	2,000.00
	21. For lights and buoys for 1918.....	2,000.00
	22. For repair of Sandwich Notch and Dale road.....	800.00
	23. For repair of Effingham Falls and Lord's Hill road.....	3,000.00
	24. For freeing Hampton bridge.....	Indefinite
	25. Aid for town of Haverhill in building bridge	10,000.00
	26. For breakwater in town of Hampton.....	5,000.00
	27. For screening Crescent lake.....	300.00
	28. Additional accommodations at Home for Feeble-Minded.....	73,000.00
	29. In favor of the Settlement Association....	2,000.00
	30. Highway—Plaistow to Massachusetts line	2,100.00
	31. In aid of free public libraries.....	6,000.00
	32. For repair of road to Cardigan mountain..	200.00
	33. For treatment of tuberculosis.....	60,000.00
	34. For treatment of tuberculosis.....	300,000.00
	35. For highway—Raymond to Plaistow.....	20,000.00
	36. For repair of Crotched Mountain road....	100.00
	37. Highway—Randolph to Pinkham Notch road.....	3,000.00
	38. In favor of Burt W. Dean.....	14.50
	39. Building state road in the town of Mason..	2,500.00
	41. State highway in town of Whitefield.....	2,000.00
	42. Repair of Stinson Lake road in Rumney...	2,000.00
	43. Investigation for possibilities of con- serving and utilizing water power.....	5,000.00
	44. Appropriating money for agricultural fairs	5,000.00
	45. In favor of Thomas R. Stewart.....	34.70
	46. For improvements at New Hampshire State Hospital.....	35,000.00

H. J. R.	47. Relating to Mason fire damage	\$204.00
	48. For a fish hatchery in Lake Sunapee	1,500.00
	49. For expert inspection of acts and resolutions	300.00
	50. For repairs and cleaning state house wall, etc.	5,000.00
	51. Additional pay for militiamen in out-of-state service	50,000.00
	52. For repair of fish hatchery in Colebrook	3,500.00
	53. Medical and surgical treatment for children	4,000.00
	54. To purchase furnishings of Franklin armory	10,500.00
	55. Erection of dam and screen at Station lake	200.00
	56. Acquisition of lands for institutional purposes	10,000.00
	57. Screening Mascoma lake in Lebanon	1,500.00
	58. Investigating water power of state for 1917	5,000.00
	59. Investigating water power of state for 1918	5,000.00
	60. Investigating water power of state for 1919	5,000.00
	61. Appropriating money for county fairs	5,000.00
	62. For repairs in Lost River road	500.00
	63. Repair of Cherry Mountain road in Jefferson	2,000.00
	65. For fish screen in Walker's pond	100.00
	66. For repair of state road in town of Rye	800.00
	67. For fish screen at outlet of Island pond	300.00
	68. In favor of Miles W. Roby	3,000.00
	69. Armory at Portsmouth	2,000.00
H. B.	1. Aid for dependent children	Indefinite
	3. Aid for dependent children	Indefinite
	13. Providing for constitutional convention	Indefinite
	14. Method by which New Hampshire National Guard may vote	Indefinite
	20. Normal school at Whitefield	42,000.00
H. J. R.	70. In favor of W. D. Veazey Lumber Co.	115.82
	71. Deficiency in expenses of insurance department	500.00
	72. Highway—First and Second Connecticut lakes	10,000.00
	73. Repair of main road—Campton to West Thornton	8,000.00
	74. Money to reimburse city of Nashua	19,243.00
	75. Daniel Kidder of Rumney	15.80
	76. Silver Lake road in Madison	1,600.00

H. J. R.	77. For fish screen at Great East lake, Wakefield	\$200.00
	78. Tumbledown Dick road in Brookfield	200.00
	79. Commissioners for uniformity of legislation	400.00
	80. In favor of Omer Janelle, mileage 1907-1913	33.80
	81. Repair of Tumbledown Dick road in Brookfield	200.00
	82. In favor of Bethesda Home for Needy Children	3,200.00
	83. New Hampshire College of Agriculture	231,156.32
	84. In favor of armory at Laconia	40,000.00
	85. Favor of J. H. Dow & Co. for armory at Laconia	75.50
	86. Repairs of state highway in town of Rye	750.00
	87. In favor of Michael S. Donnelly	15.00
H. B.	21. Providing for constitutional convention	Indefinite
	23. To establish a state police force	10,000.00
	25. Relating to weights and measures	35,000.00
	27. Relating to fireman's relief fund	5,000.00
	30. Protection of employees in factories	3,000.00
	41. For dormitory at Keene Normal school	125,000.00
	48. Extension of cross-state highways	
	58. Relating to supervision of schools	
	59. Highway—Manchester to Milford	30,000.00
	103. Relating to old age pensions	15,000.00
	124. Normal school at Berlin	24,000.00
	126. Relating to insurance commissioner	
	132. Increase of salary of insurance commissioner	2,000.00
	138. For control of white pine blister	28,000.00
	141. Relating to forest fire wardens	
	163. For a macadam road in city of Laconia	9,000.00
	166. State Highway—Nashua to Salem	20,000.00
	185. Superintendent fish and game wardens in Coös and Grafton	4,000.00
	188. To provide for state probation officer	6,500.00
	204. Normal school at Manchester	135,000.00
	216. Damage to owners for live-stock killed	Indefinite
	227. State highway connecting Moosilauke road and West Side road	20,000.00
	239. To provide a child welfare commission	50,000.00
	245. To establish Contoocook Valley highway	50,000.00
	254. To provide a legislative drafting bureau	8,000.00
	264. Normal school at Lancaster	42,000.00
	274. Pensions for retired teachers	19,000.00
	300. Increase of salary—judge and register probate Belknap	1,000.00

H. B. 305. Providing an appeal from orders of school boards	Indefinite
306. To establish "Shaker Boulevard"	
309. To provide a board of boiler rules	\$1,000.00
275. Pensions to retired teachers	21,000.00
293. For a department of supervision of necessities	4,000.00
295. Highway—Hudson, Pelham and Salem	30,000.00
316. Survey of boundary line—New Hampshire and Maine	5,000.00
320. Normal school at Concord	135,000.00
321. Subject of sex hygiene (teaching)	8,000.00
325. Relating to salary, deputy state treasurer (increase)	2,000.00
324. Relating to salary deputy secretary of state (increase \$1,000 per year)	2,000.00
332. Relating to salary deputy register of probate county Merrimack (increase \$200 per year)	400.00
358. Investigation of state bureau of markets	Indefinite
370. For the protection of poultry and game	Indefinite
371. Damage deposit anthrax germs in Johns river	10,000.00
237. Creating a board of fish and game commissioners	7,000.00
Highways—general appropriation, commissioner's estimate	400,000.00
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240. Better maintenance town highways	8,000.00
260. To regulate practice of chiropody	Indefinite
284. Appraisal New Castle bridge corporation toll bridges	Indefinite
308. Amendment section 8, chapter 133, Laws 1915, fish and game	Indefinite
342. State commission market	25,000.00
358. Desirability of establishing state bureau of markets	Indefinite
370. Protection of poultry and game	Indefinite
384. Plymouth Normal school	33,300.00
393. To create a bureau of markets	Indefinite
401. Highway—Suncook and Ossipee—Meredith and West Ossipee	25,000.00
408. Extension of system of cross-state highways	50,000.00
412. Relating to employers' liability	25,000.00
430. Employment of expert assistance—bank commission	Indefinite

H. B.	440. Salary of commissioner of labor	\$2,800.00
	443. State pay for wives, minor children, parents or dependents of soldiers in volunteer service of United States	200,000.00
	447. Commission to investigate high cost of meats, provisions and necessities of life . .	Indefinite
	450. State aid for school supervision	Indefinite
	459. Relating to practice of veterinary medicine and surgery	Indefinite
	471. Relating to forestry department	Indefinite
	472. Examination and registration of arborists . .	Indefinite
	478. Highway from Laconia to Ashland	100,000.00
	495. Relating to clerical expenses in adjutant- general's department	2,000.00
	497. Establishment of state police	30,000.00
	Deficiency bills, estimated	10,000.00
	Total	<hr/> \$3,196,908.44
	There are many "Indefinites" in the above list, the total of which, I think, would amount to at least	100,000.00
	Total	<hr/> \$3,296,908.44

Since completing the list of Specials called for in the preceding pages, I find that House Joint Resolutions Nos. 3 and 5 are duplicates, and one of them \$30,000.00 or \$35,000.00, should be deducted; also Nos. 18 and 19, House Joint Resolution (Public Service Commission) amounting to 73,400.00 as amount is included in Budget Bill estimate 103,400.00

This leaves total at \$3,193,508.44

SUMMARY.

FIRST.

Detailed account of receipts and authorized expenditures for fiscal year ending August 31, 1917:

Receipts—estimate	\$2,168,535
Expenditures	2,037,350
Surplus	<hr/> \$131,185

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SECOND.

Income, 1917-1918.....	\$2,175,000
1918-1919.....	2,175,000
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	\$4,350,000

EXPENDITURES.

Estimate of departments and institutions for
two years:

Net..... 3,968,622

Balance..... \$381,378

Increase of estimates over budget of preceding

two years..... \$491,207

THIRD.

Special Appropriations asked for..... \$3,193,508

Total—Estimates and specials..... \$7,162,130

As to the last request of the resolution of January 23,
I have included some information in my detailed statement
and I shall be very glad to add to it, if the House should
indicate particularly its desires—that is, if I am able to.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES E. FRENCH, *Chairman,*
Committee on Appropriations.

The report was accepted.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover,—

Resolved, That the clerk of the House be directed to
procure a sufficient number of printed copies of the report
for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter,—

Resolved, That House Bill No. 476, An act to prohibit
shooting from automobiles, motor cycles, and other motor
vehicles, be withdrawn from the Committee on Revision of
the Statutes and referred to the Committee on Fisheries

and Game, now having similar matters under consideration.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter,—

Resolved, That House Bill No. 473, An act relating to harvesting ice on public waters, be withdrawn from the Committee on Fisheries and Game and referred to the Committee on Public Improvements, now having similar matters under consideration.

Mr. Woodman of Milford offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committees of the House or the county delegations visit the state and county institutions only on Mondays, Fridays or Tuesdays.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Couch of Concord offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution by adding at the end thereof the words "except to such of those already arranged which cannot be conveniently cancelled."

The amendment was accepted.

The question being on the resolution as amended,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Brennan of Peterborough offered the following amendment:

Amend the resolution by inserting after the word "Saturdays" the words "after this week," and further amend by adding at the end of the resolution the words, "also except the Committee on Normal Schools."

The amendment was accepted.

The question being on the resolution as amended,

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, the resolution was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, February 6, at 3.01 o'clock.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the

House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill:

House Bill No. 67, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 10 of Session Laws of 1913 relating to county agents.

On motion of Mr. Nelson of Manchester, at 12.10 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

House Bill No. 11, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 227 of the Public Statutes relating to impanelling jurors in civil cases.

House Bill No. 12, An act providing for the comfort and hours of work of jurors.

House Bill No. 33, An act relating to building and loan associations.

House Bill No. 42, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 176 of the Laws of 1909, relating to insurance on state buildings.

House Bill No. 74, An act in amendment of section 5 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes limiting the expenses of savings banks.

House Bill No. 75, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes in relation to the examination of savings banks by trustees.

House Bill No. 85, An act to enable constables to serve process in actions wherein sheriffs and their deputies are parties or otherwise interested.

House Bill No. 88, An act for the acceptance of the provisions of the federal aid road act.

House Bill No. 99, An act to exempt from taxation the Star Island property owned and used by the Unitarians for religious and educational purposes.

House Bill No. 113, An act in amendment of section 3,

chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents.

House Bill No. 120, An act in amendment of section 5, chapter 166 of the Public Statutes, relative to building and loan associations.

House Bill No. 128, An act to amend chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913 relating to embezzlement by insurance agents.

House Bill No. 129, An act to amend chapter 63 of the Laws of 1915 relating to insurance brokers.

House Bill No. 167, An act to exempt the home of the Friendly club from taxation.

House Bill No. 171, An act in amendment of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the establishment of water works in the town of Troy.

House Bill No. 219, An act giving certain power to the justices of the superior court for the humane treatment of prisoners in county jails.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin,—

Resolved, That the Hon. William H. Taft be invited to address the House of Representatives at his convenience, Thursday, February 1, and that the Speaker be authorized to appoint a special messenger to convey this invitation to Mr. Taft and to report his reply to the House at the opening of the session Thursday, tomorrow morning.

The Speaker appointed as such special messenger, Mr. Duffy of Franklin.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 3.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

REPORT OF SPECIAL MESSENGER.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the special messenger appointed by the Speaker to convey to the Hon. William H. Taft an invitation to address the House of Representatives, reported that he had attended to the duty and that Mr. Taft had consented to address the legislature.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin,—

Resolved, That the House be in recess for the purpose of listening to an address by the Hon. William H. Taft on the League to Enforce Peace and that a committee consisting of one on the part of the Senate and two on the part of the House be appointed by the Speaker to escort His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Council and Mr. Taft to this House.

The Speaker named as such committee, Mr. Duffy of Franklin, Senator Stanley of District No. 3 and Mr. Tilton of Tilton.

His Excellency, the Governor, the Honorable Council and the Hon. William H. Taft then appeared and the House went into recess.

(After recess.)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Crawford of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

Mr. Philbrick of Springfield was granted leave of absence for next Tuesday on account of important business.

Messrs. Robertson of Hinsdale and Mathes of Newmarket were granted leave of absence for next week on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bill:

House Bill No. 67, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 10 of Session Laws of 1913 relating to county agents.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 9, An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs at law and beneficiaries, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 210, An act relating to properties held for public use by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 294, An act to authorize the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards, and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 195, An act to amend chapter 42 of the Laws of 1913 relating to domestic life insurance companies, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insur-

ance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 170, An act to amend chapter 81, Laws of 1895, to regulate the business of assessment casualty insurance, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 127, An act to amend chapter 18 of the Laws of 1903 relating to domestic insurance companies, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 130, An act to amend chapter 28 of the Laws of 1911 in relation to the establishment and maintenance of safety funds by fire insurance companies, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 133, An act to amend chapter 131 of the Laws of 1911 relating to the duties of the state treasurer, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 142, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, in relation to the state forest nursery, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 144, An act in amend-

ment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the payment of forest fire bills, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 145, An act in amendment of chapter 138, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, in relation to revenue from state forests, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 39, An act to provide a seal for the New Hampshire Board of Conciliation and Arbitration, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 3, An act entitled "An act in relation to contracts for labor," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 61, An act relating to municipal accounts, and to repeal sections 10, 11 and 12 of chapter 16 of the Public Statutes, relating to the state treasurer, and section 15 of chapter 43 of the Public Statutes relating to the choice and duties of town officers, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of

the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 209, An act to amend chapter 94 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act for the relief of the needy blind," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 140, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the pay and efficiency of forest fire employees, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by inserting after the word "lookout" the word "watchman," so that said section as amended shall read:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence of said section after the words "forestry commission and state forester," and substituting therefor the following: "Any regularly paid forest fire warden, deputy forest fire warden, lookout watchman or fire patrolman may be directed and used by the district chief or the state forester on any state or municipal forestry work or other public work when in the judgment of the state forester the safety of woodlands is not endangered thereby," so that said section 7 as amended shall read:

"SECT. 7. It shall be the duty of the forest fire warden and deputy fire warden to extinguish all brush and forest fires occurring in his town, and either of them may call such assistance as he deems necessary to assist him in so doing, and may require the use of wagons, tools, horses, etc., for that purpose, but such authority shall not interfere with the authority of chiefs of city fire departments. If any person fails to respond to the warden's call for his assistance or the use of his property, he shall be fined not exceeding ten dollars for each offense. Forest fire wardens

and deputy forest fire wardens in towns and unincorporated places shall be allowed for their services such remuneration as may be fixed by the forestry commission and the state forester. Any regularly paid forest fire warden, deputy forest fire warden, lookout watchman or fire patrolman may be directed and used by the district chief or the state forester on any state or municipal forestry work or other public work when in the judgment of the state forester the safety of woodlands is not endangered thereby."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 7, An act in relation to the fees of witnesses in all legal proceedings, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by adding at the end thereof the following words, "for each mile's travel to and from the place of testifying, six cents," so that said amended section shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend chapter 287 of the Public Statutes by striking out the whole of section 13, and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 13. The fees of witnesses shall be, for each day's attendance before a municipal or justice court, one dollar; for each day's attendance before the superior and probate courts, and all other legally constituted auditors, referees, magistrates, or officials having the power to summon witnesses, two dollars; for each mile's travel to and from the place of testifying, six cents."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 232, An act to license junk dealers and to regulate the conduct of their business, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 5 of said bill by striking out the words

"and hour" in the seventh line of the printed bill, and by adding at the end thereof the words "unless written permission for prior sale is obtained from the police department or a member of the licensing board," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 5. Every person so licensed shall keep a record book or books at the place of business designated in his license, in which, at the time of purchasing or receiving of commodities aforesaid, by barter or otherwise, shall be legibly written in the English language an account and description of the same, specifying the day of purchasing or obtaining them, the number, weight, quantity, and the name and residence of the person offering the same for sale or barter, and such other description of said commodities as shall be sufficient to identify the same. No commodity or commodities so purchased shall be sold or disposed of until ten days at least after the date of purchase and receipt of the same shall have elapsed, unless written permission for prior sale is obtained from the police department or a member of the licensing board."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 162, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 56 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption from taxation of veterans of the Civil war, their widows and wives, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the words "in their discretion may" and by inserting in place thereof the word "shall," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4, chapter 56 of the Public Statutes, and all subsequent amendments thereto is hereby amended by striking out all of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 4. The selectmen of towns and the assessors of

cities shall exempt any soldier or sailor who served in the late Rebellion, and is disabled in consequence of such service, from paying a poll tax, and every soldier or sailor residing in New Hampshire who served for sixty days or more in the army of the United States during the War of the Rebellion and received an honorable discharge from that service and the wife or widow of any such soldier or sailor, in consideration and recognition of such service, shall be exempt each year from taxation upon his taxable property to the value of three thousand dollars."

Also amend said bill by adding a new section as follows:

"SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 38, Joint resolution in favor of Burt W. Dean, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 45, Joint resolution in favor of Thomas R. Stewart, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 291, An act in amendment of chapter 285 of the Public Statutes relating to the state prison, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be committed to the Committee on State Prison, which committee has the subject-matter under consideration.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 126, An act to amend chapter 167 of the Public Statutes relating to the insurance commissioner, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 4 by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECT. 4. Amend section 12 of said chapter by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 12. The insurance commissioner shall inquire into and ascertain the causes of fires occurring within the state, the actual losses occasioned thereby and the amounts of insurance upon the property damaged. He may in addition to the investigation made by the firewards, engineers, or selectmen of towns or cities under the provisions of chapter 115 of the Public Statutes at any time investigate as to the origin or circumstances of any fire occurring in this state. He shall have the powers vested in justices of the peace to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify before him in any such investigation. Every fire insurance company transacting business in this state is hereby required to file with the insurance commissioner through its secretary or other officer or through any board or association upon the approval of the insurance commissioner a monthly record of fire losses showing the name of the assured, location of the property burned, and the probable cause of fire, and in addition an annual report of all fires on which losses have been paid in the preceding calendar year, designating the class of occupancy divided by construction and protection and by cause of fire for each class, giving the total insurance, loss paid and sound value on the property destroyed for all classes and by each cause. Such annual report shall be made to the insurance commissioner on or before the first day of March of each year.

"*Provided*, that in the case of a fire of suspicious origin a preliminary report shall be made immediately through some

officer of the insurance company or through such board showing the name of the assured, the date of fire, location, occupancy, and such facts and circumstances as shall come to their knowledge tending to establish the cause or origin of the fire."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 141, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to forest fire wardens, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 27, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1899, relating to fireman's relief fund, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 91, An act to amend chapter 105, section 1 of the Laws of 1913, providing for lights on vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for a minority of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 91, An act to amend chapter 105, section 1 of the Laws of 1913, providing for lights on vehicles, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 53, An act providing for the licensing of dogs kept for breeding purposes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 160, An act to amend chapter 140 of the Public Statutes relating to mortgages and conditional sales, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 158, An act to amend section 16 of chapter 141 of the Public Statutes relating to liens of mechanics and others, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 107, An act in amendment of section 5 of chapter 43 of the Public Statutes relating to town officers, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 100, An act in amendment of chapter 188 of the Public Statutes relating to administration, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 157, An act to amend section 21 of chapter 224 of the Public Statutes relating to witnesses, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 143, An act in amendment of chapter 27, Laws of 1913, relating to town forests, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 77, An act amending chapter 177 of the Public Statutes relating to guardians, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Shaw of Canaan, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

BILL FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 89 (In new draft), An act to amend chapter 5 of the Public Statutes relating to the publication and distribution of statutes, journals and reports.

Taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30, and when the House then adjourns it be to meet at 7.30 Monday evening.

THIRD READINGS.

House Bill No. 9, An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs at law and beneficiaries.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 140, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the pay and efficiency of forest fire employees.

House Bill No. 142, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, in relation to the state forest nursery.

House Bill No. 144, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the payment of forest fire bills.

House Bill No. 145, An act in amendment of chapter 138, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, in relation to revenue from state forests.

House Bill No. 127, An act to amend chapter 18 of the Laws of 1903 relating to domestic insurance companies.

House Bill No. 130, An act to amend chapter 28 of the Laws of 1911 in relation to the establishment and maintenance of safety funds by fire insurance companies.

House Bill No. 133, An act to amend chapter 131 of the Laws of 1911 relating to the duties of the state treasurer.

House Bill No. 170, An act to amend chapter 81, Laws of 1895, to regulate the business of assessment casualty insurance.

House Bill No. 195, An act to amend chapter 42 of the Laws of 1913 relating to domestic life insurance companies.

House Bill No. 294, An act to authorize the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards, and damage, or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty.

House Bill No. 210, An act relating to properties held for public use by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

House Bill No. 232, An act to license junk dealers and to regulate the conduct of their business.

House Bill No. 7, An act in relation to the fees of witnesses in all legal proceedings.

House Bill No. 61, An act relating to municipal accounts and to repeal sections 10, 11 and 12 of chapter 16 of the Public Statutes relating to the state treasurer, and section 15 of chapter 43 of the Public Statutes relating to the choice and duties of town officers.

House Bill No. 209, An act to amend chapter 94 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act for the relief of the needy blind."

House Bill No. 89 (In new draft), An act to amend chapter 5 of the Public Statutes relating to the publication and distribution of statutes, journals and reports.

House Bill No. 39, An act to provide a seal for the New Hampshire Board of Conciliation and Arbitration.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 3, An act entitled "An act in relation to contracts and labor."

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 162, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 56 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption from taxation of veterans of the Civil war, their widows and wives.

The third reading being in order, on motion of Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, February 6, at 11.01 o'clock.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Connor of Manchester,—

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to procure a sufficient number of printed copies of the speech of Hon. William H. Taft for distribution among the members of the House and Senate and executive departments.

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NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION.

Mr. Connor of Manchester gave notice that on tomorrow, or some subsequent day, he should move to reconsider the vote whereby the House adopted the resolution of the Committee on Ways and Means that it is inexpedient to legislate on House Bill No. 400, An act in amendment of chapter 36, Laws of 1913, relating to taxation of horses and cattle.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 12.50 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., February 2, 1917.

Frank H. Challis, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Conner of Bristol, at 9.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., February 5, 1917.

*George Goodboo, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord,—

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to procure printed lists of the members of the House, indicating their seat, residence in Concord and committee assignment, for the use of the members previous to the issuing of the manuals.

On motion of Mr. Bergquist of Berlin, at 7.32 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Woodbury of Manchester and Curtis of Concord were granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

Messrs. Mallalieu of Milford and Hubbard of Boscawen were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Shannon of Laconia was granted leave of absence for this afternoon and tomorrow on account of sickness.

Mr. Wheeler of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bill:

Senate Bill No. 3, An act in relation to contracts for labor.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 246, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 46, Laws of 1897, relating to itinerant vendors, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 93, An act in amendment of chapter 87 of the Laws of 1915 relating to offences against the national and state flags, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 211, An act relating to qualifications of notary public and justice of the peace, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of the bill by striking out the words "or justice of the peace," so that said section shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Any person whether male or female, but in all other respects except sex, qualified to vote in town or city affairs may be appointed to the office of notary public."

Amend the title of the bill by striking out the words "and justice of the peace," so that said title shall read as follows:

"An act relating to qualifications of notary public."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 221, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 81, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to regulate the sale of fertilizers," reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend by striking out the comma in the second line of section 1, between the words "garbage" and "tankage."

Further amend by striking out the comma in the seventh line of section 1, between the words "garbage" and "tankage."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 310, An act legalizing the biennial election of the town of Alton held November seventh, 1916, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. That the votes and proceedings of the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Alton and Troy be and hereby are legalized and confirmed."

Amend the title of said bill by striking it out and inserting the following title:

"An act to legalize the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Alton and Troy."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 76, An act in amend-

ment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 332, An act relating to the salary of the deputy register of probate of the county of Merrimack, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 212, An act in amendment of section 46 of the Session Laws of 1897, entitled "An act in relation to itinerant vendors," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Couch of Concord offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The German Government has notified the Government of the United States that it is the purpose of Germany to sink without warning, all merchant ships found within certain prescribed zones regardless of the rights of neutrals to the freedom of the seas, and regardless of all humanitarian considerations, and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States on April 18, 1916, notified the German Government that unless that Government immediately abandoned its frightful and inhuman methods of submarine warfare as applied to neutrals, the Government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German Empire, and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, in accordance with this warning to the German Government and the

subsequent declaration of that Government that it will no longer regard the rights of neutrals and the dictates of humanity in conducting its submarine warfare, has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, therefore

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That we approve the action taken by the President of the United States, and that we pledge to him the united support of the people of this state in all his efforts to maintain and defend the dignity, integrity and rights of this country.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the United States and to our senators and representatives in Congress.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions,

(Discussion ensued.)

By a rising vote the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Couch of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 162, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 56 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption from taxation of veterans of the Civil war, their widows and wives.

The question being,
Shall the bill pass?

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended, the bill put back upon its second reading and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary for a further hearing.

On motion of Mr. Nelson of Manchester, at 11.50 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

House Bill No. 211, An act relating to qualifications of notary public.

House Bill No. 221, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 81, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to regulate the sale of fertilizers."

House Bill No. 246, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 46, Laws of 1897, relating to itinerant vendors.

House Bill No. 310, An act to legalize the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Alton and Troy.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 93, An act in amendment of chapter 87 of the Laws of 1915 relating to offences against the national and state flags.

Read a third time.

The question being,

Shall the bill pass?

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the bill passed and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following joint resolution, with amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Joint Resolution No. 49, Joint resolution to provide for expert inspection of acts and resolutions passed by the legislature.

Amend the joint resolution by striking out everything after the resolving clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"That the governor be and hereby is authorized to contract with some suitable person to inspect all acts and resolutions passed by the legislature and presented to him for his signature, and that the governor is hereby authorized

to draw his warrant for the required sum not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300) out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The joint resolution was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The German Government has notified the Government of the United States that it is the purpose of Germany to sink without warning, all merchant ships found within certain prescribed zones regardless of the rights of neutrals to the freedom of the seas, and regardless of all humanitarian considerations, and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States on April 18, 1916, notified the German Government that unless that Government immediately abandoned its frightful and inhuman methods of submarine warfare as applied to neutrals, the Government of the United States can have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German Empire, and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, in accordance with this warning to the German Government and the subsequent declaration of that Government that it will no longer regard the rights of neutrals and the dictates of humanity in conducting its submarine warfare, has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany, therefore

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That we approve the action taken by the President of the United States, and that we pledge to him the united support of the people of this state in all his efforts to maintain and defend the dignity, integrity and rights of this country.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to

the President of the United States and to our senators and representatives in Congress.

USE OF REPRESENTATIVES' HALL.

On motion of Mr. Hook of Warner,—

Resolved, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be granted to the Committee on Liquor Laws for a public hearing on Tuesday evening, February 27, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 3.20 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Leighton of Exeter was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of a death in his family.

Mr. Curtis of Concord was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following joint resolution:

House Joint Resolution No. 49, Joint resolution to provide for expert inspection of acts and resolutions passed by the legislature.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 470, An act to incorporate the "Timber Lands Fire Insurance company," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 492, An act relating to the Grace church in Manchester, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 469, An act in amendment of the charter of the Page Belting company, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 73, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 159 of the Public Statutes, relating to grade crossings, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 271, An act in amendment of chapter 168 of the Session Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the city of Manchester," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 298, An act in amendment of chapter 40, section 4, Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 146 of the Laws of 1911, empowering cities and towns to provide playgrounds and neighborhood centers, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 453, An act making it an offense to ride without right on certain conveyances upon any railroad in this state, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 43, An act to incorporate the Annie E. Woodman Institute, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 356, An act relating to snow guards on buildings, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

"SECTION 1. From and after November 1st, 1917, the owners of all buildings so constructed and located that snow, in sliding therefrom, will fall upon any public highway, shall equip the same with suitable guards to prevent such sliding, unless such owners be relieved therefrom by order of the selectmen of towns or by the city officials who have been designated to pass upon the location of fire escapes.

"SECT. 2. Section 1 shall apply to schoolhouses and other public buildings, however located, from which snow may slide.

"SECT. 3. Any owner or public official who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or shall be confined in jail not to exceed thirty days, or both.

"SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 313, An act in amendment of chapter 125 of the Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 168 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to dividends of savings banks," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 149, An act in amendment of section 21 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 134 of the Laws of 1909, relating to weekly payment of wages, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 135, An act to protect the tires of rubber-tired vehicles lawfully upon the public highways of this state, reported the same in a new draft with a new title and with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft and with its new title ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 503, An act to extend the charter of the Northern Fidelity and Trust company, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 504, An act to prevent corrupt practices at elections and to regulate expenditures for political purposes and provide for the publicity thereof, with the recommendation that the bill be

tabled to print and recommitted to the committee for a hearing.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 505, An act in amendment of sections 2, 3, 4 and 6 of chapter 308, Session Laws of 1909, entitled "An act to incorporate the Conway Electric Light and Power company," with the recommendation that the bill be tabled to print and recommitted to the committee for a hearing.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 21, An act providing for a convention of delegates for the purpose of revising the constitution, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 3. The delegates shall be proportioned as the representatives to the General Court, except that, each and every town shall be entitled to send one delegate at least."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 23, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the Effingham Falls and Lord's Hill highway situated in town of Effingham, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Bill No. 48, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, providing for an extension of the system of cross-state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 430, An act in relation to the employment of expert assistance by the board of bank commissioners, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 32, Joint resolution to repair road to Cardigan mountain, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Bill No. 385, An act to provide compensation for Grace Trudeau, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to Mason fire damage, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 70, Joint resolution in favor of William D. Veazey Lumber company and Melvin Frye, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 75, Joint resolution in favor of Daniel Kidder of Rumney for necessary expenses incurred in maintaining his right to a seat in this House, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 85, Joint resolution in favor of John H. Dow & Company of Laconia, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 87, Joint resolution in favor of Michael S. Donnelly, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 165, An act relating to the establishment of a free employment office in the bureau of labor, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 13, An act to amend

the charter of the city of Berlin, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be committed to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Berlin.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 465, An act relating to snow guards on buildings for the safety of the public, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 80, Joint resolution in favor of Omer Janelle of Manchester, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 134, An act relating to the equipment of locomotives with headlights, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 95, An act directing the bureau of labor to conduct an employment department, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 477, An act relative to electrifying the Dover and Portsmouth branch of the Boston and Maine railroad, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 13, An act providing for a convention of delegates for the purpose of revising the constitution, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 92, An act relating to snow guards on buildings, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 78, An act amending chapter 4, Session Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of the real estate of persons deceased, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Couch of Concord offered the following amendment:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 2 of chapter 4 of the Laws of 1895 by striking it out and inserting the following:

"SECT. 2. The administrator, having sold according to his license, shall take the following oath:

"I....., do solemnly swear, that in disposing of such estate of, as licensed to sell, I have used my best judgment in advertising and making sale, and have exerted my utmost endeavors that the same be sold to the greatest advantage to the persons interested in said estate, without any sinister or selfish view or motive whatever. So help me God."

SECT. 2. Amend section 3 of chapter 4 of the Laws of 1895 by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 3. The administrator, so authorized, having sold and made oath according to the terms of his license, may execute and deliver a valid conveyance of the estate to the purchaser."

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect June 1st, 1918.

The question being on the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 77, An act amending chapter 177 of the Public Statutes relating to guardians, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Murchie of Concord offered the following amendment:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 12 of chapter 177 of the Public Statutes by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 12. Having made sale under the license, the guardian shall take the following oath, before the judge or any justice of the peace, and shall file a certificate thereof in the probate office before the settlement of his account:

"I, A B, guardian of the estate of my ward, by license, have used my best judgment, and exerted my best endeavors to sell the same in such manner as is for the greatest advantage to my ward, without any sinister or selfish views whatever."

SECT. 2. Amend section 13 of chapter 177 of the Public Statutes by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 13. Every guardian so licensed and having made sale and taken the prescribed oath, may execute a valid conveyance of the estate sold to the purchaser."

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect June 1st, 1918.

The question being on the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 49, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 77, Laws of 1909, authorizing towns to raise money for patriotic observances, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth called for a division.

A division being had, 104 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 194 gentlemen voted in the negative and the resolution was not adopted.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester,—

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' hall be granted to the leader and members of the State Industrial School band for a public band concert on Thursday, February 8,

from 2 to 3 p. m., and that a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to notify Mr. Morton, the superintendent of the State Industrial School, the arrangements made.

The Speaker appointed as members of such committee, Messrs. Fairbanks of Manchester, Eastman of Jefferson and Smith of Manchester.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House be and hereby is directed to obtain from the justices of the supreme court their opinions upon the following questions arising under Article 36 of Part First of the Constitution.

1. Can the legislature authorize the granting of old age pensions, for one year at a time, to be paid either (a) by the state or (b) by any political subdivision thereof?

2. Do the restrictions in the Article as to "actual services" and as to "one year at a time" apply to political subdivisions of the state as well as to the state itself?

3. Can the legislature, at one session thereof, authorize the granting of a pension for a year, and by a separate act authorize the granting of a like pension for another year?

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.08 o'clock the House took a recess for the purpose of allowing a photograph to be taken.

(After recess.)

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.35 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 43, An act to incorporate the Annie E. Woodman Institute.

House Bill No. 49, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 77, Laws of 1909, authorizing towns to raise money for patriotic observances.

House Bill No. 73, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 159 of the Public Statutes, relating to grade crossings.

House Bill No. 77, An act amending chapter 177 of the Public Statutes relating to guardians.

House Bill No. 78, An act amending chapter 4, Session Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of the real estate of persons deceased.

House Bill No. 271, An act in amendment of chapter 168 of the Session Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the city of Manchester."

House Bill No. 298, An act in amendment of chapter 40, section 4, Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 146 of the Laws of 1911, empowering cities and towns to provide playgrounds and neighborhood centers.

House Bill No. 313, An act in amendment of chapter 125 of the Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 168 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to dividends of savings banks."

House Bill No. 356, An act relating to snow guards on buildings.

House Bill No. 453, An act making it an offense to ride without right on certain conveyances upon any railroad in this state.

House Bill No. 469, An act in amendment of the charter of the Page Belting company.

House Bill No. 470, An act to incorporate the "Timber Lands Mutual Fire Insurance company."

House Bill No. 492, An act relating to the Grace church in Manchester.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had passed the following entitled bill, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 32, An act in amendment of section 6 of chapter 259 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the Contoocook Water Works company."

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 18, An act to authorize the Whitefield Village Fire precinct to refund its bonded indebtedness.

House Bill No. 40, An act in amendment of chapter 32, Laws of 1911, relating to the perpetual care of cemetery lots.

House Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes relating to persons and property liable to taxation.

House Bill No. 105, An act in amendment of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to fees and costs in certain cases.

House Bill No. 111, An act to authorize the Warner Village Fire district to refund its bonded indebtedness.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 32, An act in amendment of section 6 of chapter 259 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the Contoocook Water Works company."

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

USE OF REPRESENTATIVES' HALL.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth,—

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' hall be granted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes on the evening of Tuesday, February 13, 1917, for a public hearing on

House Bill No. 261, An act for the extension of suffrage to women in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Concord, at 3.21 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Leavitt of Meredith and Ryder of Manchester were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Sanborn of Deerfield was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Foisie of Nashua was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Richardson of Derry was granted indefinite leave of absence on account of sickness.

Mr. Towle of Epsom was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Mr. Eastman of Jefferson was granted leave of absence until February 19 on account of settlement of town business.

Messrs. Mason of Dublin and Robie of Campton were granted leave of absence for Wednesday and Thursday of next week on account of town business.

Mr. Leavitt of Effingham was granted leave of absence for next week on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 231, An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine," as amended by the Laws

of 1911, chapter 7, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 299, An act to exempt from taxation property in Jaffrey and Dublin to be held for the public good by the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gross of Croydon, for the Committee on County Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 506, An act relating to election of county officers for Strafford county, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover moved that the rules be suspended and the bill be referred to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the county of Strafford, but subsequently withdrew his motion. The bill was then laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Jenkins of Loudon, for the Committee on State Hospital, to whom was referred House Bill No. 292, An act in amendment of section 18, chapter 10 of the Public Statutes, relating to admissions to the state hospital, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 174, An act to amend chapter 115 of the Public Statutes relating to the investigation of the causes of fires, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 169, An act to amend chapter 168 of the Public Statutes relating to insurance companies and agents, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 87, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 96 of the Session Laws of 1901, entitled "An act relating to high schools," as amended by chapter 118 of the Session Laws of 1903, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 79, An act providing for further instruction of pupils in rural schools, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Section 1 of House Bill No. 79 is to be amended in the third line after the word "pupils" by the insertion of "for a period not exceeding two school years for those," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of school boards in districts in which there is no high school to provide for the further instruction of pupils for a period not exceeding two school years for those who have completed the course of study prescribed for the elementary schools whenever such pupils or their parents or guardians desire such instruction. *Provided, however,* that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent children whose parents or guardians reside in such districts from enjoying all the privileges of attendance at high schools or academies in other districts

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 86, An act to establish the New Hampshire Board of Accountancy, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 303, An act to prohibit cellar bakeries, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 193, An act to amend section 1, chapter 96 of the Session Laws of 1901, relating to towns not maintaining high schools to pay tuition of resident scholars, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered in another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 61, Joint resolution to appropriate money for agricultural fairs in New Hampshire, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another resolution.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 175, An act relating to conditional sales, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 377, An act to make uniform the law of warehouse receipts, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Clough of Alton,—

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' hall be reserved for the address of the Honorable R. S. Naon, ambassador from Argentina, on the evening of Wednesday, March 7, next, and that the accompanying letter be read and printed in the House journal.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 5, 1917.

Honorable William Rockwell Clough,

Chairman, Committee on National Affairs,

House of Representatives,

Concord, N. H.

MY DEAR SIR: I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st *ultimo* in which you advise me of the honor which the legislature of New Hampshire has conferred upon me by the adoption of a concurrent resolution inviting me to visit New Hampshire at a date in the near future and address the legislature on Trade Relations and Expansion with the United States.

I assure you that I am keenly appreciative of the privilege which your legislature has seen fit to extend to me and I accept it with the greatest pleasure.

Inasmuch as you kindly consult me as to the date on which I may be able to visit New Hampshire, I find that I can do so on Wednesday, March 7th, if this date suits your convenience.

Thanking you, and, through you, the members of the legislature for this d'stinguishing honor, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

R. S. NAON.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 231, An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine," as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.

House Bill No. 299, An act to exempt from taxation property in Jaffrey and Dublin to be held for the public good by the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

House Bill No. 202, An act in amendment of section 18, chapter 10 of the Public Statutes, relating to admissions to the state hospital.

House Bill No. 169, An act to amend chapter 168 of the Public Statutes relating to insurance companies and agents.

House Bill No. 174, An act to amend chapter 115 of the Public Statutes relating to the investigation of the causes of fires.

House Bill No. 87, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 96 of the Session Laws of 1901, entitled "An act relating to high schools," as amended by chapter 118 of the Session Laws of 1903.

House Bill No. 79, An act providing for further instruction of pupils in rural schools.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Barnes of Lyme,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and that when it then adjourns it be to meet on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, at 11.40 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., February 9, 1917.

*William J. Ahern, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Kidder of Rumney, business in order at 11 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Concord, the first reading of new bills and bills in new drafts by their titles was made in order.

Mr. Bell of Plymouth, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 509, An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases, and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905, with the recommendation that the bill be tabled for printing and recommitted to the Committee on Education.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 70, An act in repeal of chapter 95 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act in relation to street railways," and in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission," reported the same in new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. McDaniel of Nottingham, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 89, Joint resolution in favor of the construction of a permanent highway leading from Pontook falls in Dummer, through West Milan, to Stark, with the recommendation that the joint resolution be tabled for printing and recommitted to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

The report was accepted, the joint resolution read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill:

House Bill No. 128, An act to amend chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913 relating to embezzlement by insurance agents.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 21, An act to establish The North Haverhill Electric Light, Water & Power company in the town of Haverhill, in the county of Grafton, state of New Hampshire.

Senate Bill No. 37, An act to prevent the pollution of the water in Loon pond in the town of Hillsborough.

Senate Bill No. 41, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision, or other casualties.

Senate Bill No. 43, An act relating to the term of office of the solicitor of Coös county.

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

The following bills were severally read a first and second time and referred as follows:

Senate Bill No. 21 (In new draft), An act to establish The North Haverhill Electric Light, Water & Power company in the town of Haverhill, in the county of Grafton, state of New Hampshire. To the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 37, An act to prevent the pollution of the water in Loon pond in the town of Hillsborough. To the Committee on Public Health.

Senate Bill No. 43, An act relating to the term of office of the solicitor of Coös county. Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 41, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty. Read a first and second time,

laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Insurance.

On motion of Mr. Gray of Alexandria, at 9.45 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., February 12, 1917.

*Walter H. Beane, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 7.31 the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Crawford, Sayers and Wheeler of Manchester, Torsey of New Hampton and Leavitt of Meredith were granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness.

Mr. McKay of Manchester was granted leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday on account of important business.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 18, An act to authorize the Whitefield Village Fire district to refund its bonded indebtedness.

House Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes relating to persons and property liable to taxation.

House Bill No. 105, An act in amendment of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to fees and costs in certain cases.

House Bill No. 111, An act to authorize the Warner Village Fire district to refund its bonded indebtedness.

House Bill No. 128, An act to amend chapter 176 of the Laws of 1913 relating to embezzlement by insurance agents.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 322, An act in amendment of chapter 212 of the Laws of 1913 relating to advertisements during strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 276, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, section 14 (e), as amended by chapter 145 of the Laws of 1913, section 15, regulating the issue of capital stock of public corporations, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorpora-

tions, to whom was referred House Bill No. 224, An act to repeal chapter 268, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gordon Pond Railroad company," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 280, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 242, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Laconia Home for the Aged," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 301, An act in amendment of chapter 184 of the Public Statutes relating to times and places of holding courts of probate, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of chapter 154 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 39 of the Laws of 1915, relating to payment of certain moneys into the state treasury, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 407, An act amending section 5, chapter 176, Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to create the Littleton Village district," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on State House and State House Yard, to whom was referred House Bill No. 122, An act to amend chapter 7 of the Public Statutes relating to the state house and grounds, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Pearson of Laconia, for the Committee on School for Feeble-Minded, to whom was referred House Bill No. 251, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act to provide for the care and education of feeble-minded children," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 25, Joint resolution in aid of the town of Haverhill in building a bridge across the Connecticut river, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 36, Joint resolution to provide for repair of the Mountain road, so called, up Crotched mountain in Frankestown, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 50, An act to repeal the direct primary law, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 50, An act to repeal the direct primary law, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

JOHN G. CRAWFORD.

EDWIN H. SHANNON.

Mr. Shannon of Laconia moved that the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Shannon,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed and the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton, for the Committee on Agriculture, having considered the subject, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 510, An act to regulate the grading, packing, shipping and sale of apples, with the recommendation that the bill be tabled to print and then be recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Woodman of Milford, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Cunningham of Franklin, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 458, An act to prohibit employers from deducting from employees when late for work, more than the exact number of minutes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 458, An act to prohibit employers from deducting from employees when late for work, more than the exact number of minutes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

IRA LEON EVANS.

CHAS. A. NEWELL.

W. J. CALLAHAN.

Mr. Callahan of Keene moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and accompanying reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, February 14, at 11.01 a. m.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 80, An act in amendment of section 32, chapter 133, relating to the fish and game laws, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 197, An act in amendment of section 14, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to the fish and game laws, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 476, An act to prohibit shooting from automobiles, motorcycles, or other motor vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 81, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 181, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915 relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 406, An act to amend section 32, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 112, An act in amendment of chapter 133, section 14, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 249, An act

in amendment of section 32, chapter 133, relating to the fish and game laws, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 27, Joint resolution providing for screens at the outlet of Crescent lake, otherwise known as Cold pond, in Acworth and Unity, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by previous statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 77, Joint resolution to screen the outlet to Great East lake in Wakefield, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by previous statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 202, An act to authorize the fish and game commissioner to close waters against fishing, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 201, An act to provide for the establishment of state bird and game sanctuaries and the protection and propagation of wild

birds and quadrupeds, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 429, An act in amendment of paragraph (a), section 28, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 327, An act relating to ice cutting upon the public waters of the state, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 410, An act to enable colleges to obtain biological specimens for educational purposes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 230, An act in regard to taking lobsters in New Hampshire waters, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 185, An act providing for the appointment of a superintendent of fish and game wardens for the counties of Coös and Grafton, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 369, An act to encourage sheep raising, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 215, An act regarding trial of cases appealed from probate courts, municipal courts and justice courts, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter to be covered by a court rule.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 242, An act to empower the commissioner of labor to collect, prepare and publish statistics in respect to labor manufactures and commerce of this state, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 404, An

act relating to fences and common fields, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Bill No. 66, An act to prevent injury to highways, and in amendment of chapter 77 of the Public Statutes relating to incumbrances and encroachments of highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 135, An act prohibiting the deposit of glass and other material on public highways and bathing beaches.

House Bill No. 149, An act in amendment of section 21 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 134 of the Laws of 1909, relating to weekly payment of wages.

House Bill No. 503, An act to extend the charter of the Northern Fidelity and Trust company.

House Bill No. 506, An act relating to election of county officers for Strafford county.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Roukey of Manchester, at 11.40 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

House Bill No. 224, An act to repeal chapter 268, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gordon Pond Railroad company."

House Bill No. 322, An act in amendment of chapter 212 of the Laws of 1913 relating to advertisements during strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes.

House Bill No. 276, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, section 14 (e), as amended by chapter 145 of the Laws of 1913, section 15, regulating the issues of capital stock of public utility corporations.

House Bill No. 280, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 242, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Laconia Home for the Aged."

House Bill No. 301, An act in amendment of chapter 184 of the Public Statutes relating to times and places of holding courts of probate.

House Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of chapter 154 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 39 of the Laws of 1915, relating to payment of certain moneys into the state treasury.

House Bill No. 407, An act amending section 5, chapter 176, Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to create the Littleton Village district."

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 122, An act to amend chapter 7 of the Public Statutes relating to the state house and grounds.

Read a third time.

The question being,

Shall the bill pass?

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the bill was put back upon its second reading.

Mr. Ahern offered the following amendment:

Amend section 14 of the bill by striking out the word "Statutes" in the first line and inserting in place thereof the word "statues."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 135 (In new draft with new title), An act prohibiting the deposit of glass and other material on public highways and bathing beaches.

House Bill No. 149 (In new draft), An act in amendment of section 21 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 134 of the Laws of 1909, relating to weekly payment of wages.

House Bill No. 503, An act to extend the charter of the Northern Fidelity and Trust company.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 506, An act relating to election of county officers for Strafford county.

Read a third time.

The question being,

Shall the bill pass?

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Thomas of Farmington, the rules were suspended, the bill put back upon its second reading and recommitted to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the county of Strafford.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 7, An act in relation to the fees of witnesses in all legal proceedings.

House Bill No. 9, An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs at law and beneficiaries.

House Bill No. 11, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 227 of the Public Statutes relating to impanelling jurors in civil cases.

House Bill No. 12, An act providing for the comfort and hours of work of jurors.

House Bill No. 24, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 25 of the Public Statutes relating to election of county officers.

House Bill No. 42, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 176 of the Laws of 1909, relating to insurance on state buildings.

House Bill No. 46, An act to amend chapter 6 of the Laws of 1915 with reference to changing the name of Spectacle pond in Sunapee.

House Bill No. 37, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, relating to publication of vital statistics in towns.

House Bill No. 88, An act for the acceptance of the provisions of the federal aid road act.

House Bill No. 120, An act in amendment of section 5, chapter 166 of the Public Statutes, relative to building and loan associations.

House Bill No. 167, An act to exempt the home of the Friendly club from taxation.

House Bill No. 210, An act relating to properties held for public use by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

House Bill No. 221, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 81, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to regulate the sale of fertilizers."

House Bill No. 294, An act to authorize the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards, and damage or liability resulting to owners of motors vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty.

House Bill No. 310, An act to legalize the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Alton and Troy.

BILL RECOMMITTED.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Plymouth,—

Resolved, That House Bill No. 508, entitled "An act in relation to fish and game," now lying on the table, be

taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee on Fisheries and Game for a hearing.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, at 3.43 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John Kimball of Marlborough.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Butler of Haverhill was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

Messrs. Mallalieu of Milford and Symonds of Harrisville were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Messrs. Corey of Brookline, Gordon of New Ipswich and Hoyt of Hanover were granted leave of absence for Thursday on account of important business.

Messrs. Eastman of Orange, Dimmock of Sandown, Eaton of Bennington, Sanborn of Gilford, Barnes of Lyme, Smart of Goshen, Nichols of Lempster, Bell of Exeter and Bailey of Windham were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 511, An act authorizing the town of Peterborough to exempt from taxation the improvements or new buildings to be erected by the American Guernsey Cattle Club, with the recommendation that the bill be tabled to print and recommitted to the committee for hearing.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 475, An act to change the name of the Wolfeborough Junction Fire district, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The name of the Wolfeborough Junction Fire district, incorporated by chapter 148, Laws of 1893, is hereby changed to the Sanbornville precinct."

Amend the title to said bill by adding the words "Incorporated by chapter 148, Laws of 1893," so that said title as amended shall read as follows:

"To change the name of the Wolfeborough Junction Fire district, incorporated by chapter 148, Laws of 1893."

The report was accepted; the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 415, An act to ratify the placing and control of New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution under the control of its alumni and former students and teachers by its board of corporators, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 278, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 198 of the Public Statutes relating to trustees of estates, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 3, An act to regulate the placing out in family homes and the subsequent supervision of dependent and neglected children, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by adding at the end thereof the following: "It shall be the duty of any person, public official, society or institution placing any dependent or neglected child in any family home or institution, to give notice in writing to the state board of charities and correction, within ten days after such placing, stating the name of such child and the names, residence or location of the person or institution with whom or in which such child is placed," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The state board of charities and correction is hereby authorized and empowered to procure suitable family homes, where practicable, for dependent and neglected children. Said board or its agent shall inspect such homes previous to such placing, maintain subsequent watch, care and supervision of such children, and may remove any such child from such home, at any time when, in its judgment, the conditions therein are not for the best interest of the child. Said board may, when in its judgment the health or condition of any such child shall require it, cause such child to be placed in a hospital or institution for special treatment and care. It shall be the duty of said board, in placing such children, to place them, if practicable, with people of like religious faith with the parents of said children. It shall be the duty of any person, public official, society or institution placing any dependent or neglected child in any family home or institution, to give notice in writing to the state board of charities and correction, within ten days after such placing, stating the name of such child and the names, residence or location of the person or institution with whom or in which such child is placed."

Amend section 2 of said bill by inserting after the word "charge" in the fourth line of said section the following: "*provided, however,* that such expense for maintenance and care shall be first approved by the county commissioners, or overseers of the poor, of such county, city or town," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. The expense for the maintenance and care of

any such dependent or neglected child shall be borne by the county, city or town legally chargeable for its support if it were a public charge, *provided, however*, that such expense for maintenance and care shall be first approved by the county commissioners, or overseers of the poor, of such county, city or town, and such county, city or town shall have a right of action over for such expense against the parents or guardian of such child."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 4, An act in amendment of chapter 125, Laws of 1907, relating to the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out all after the word "board" in the fifteenth line of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the following: "The expense of the maintenance of such child shall be borne by the county, city or town legally chargeable for its support if it were a public charge, *provided, however*, that such expense for maintenance and care shall be first approved by the county commissioners, or overseers of the poor, of such county, city or town, and such county, city or town shall have the right of action over for such expense against the parent or guardian of such child," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 13 of an act entitled "An act to regulate the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children and to provide for the appointment of probation officers," by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 13. When any child under the age of seventeen years shall be found to be dependent or neglected within

the meaning of this act, the court may make an order committing the child to the care of the state board of charities and correction or to some society or association embracing in its objects the purpose of caring for or obtaining homes for dependent or neglected children, and which has been approved by said board. The expense of the maintenance of such child shall be borne by the county, city or town legally chargeable for its support if it were a public charge, *provided, however*, that such expense for maintenance and care shall be first approved by the county commissioners, or overseers of the poor of such county, city or town, and such county, city or town shall have a right of action over for such expense against the parent or guardian of such child."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 391, An act to provide for the attesting and certifying of public records, deeds, instruments, and official copies in certain cases, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Bunton of Manchester, for the Committee on State Prison, to whom was referred House Bill No. 291, An act in amendment of chapter 285 of the Public Statutes relating to the state prison, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Bunton of Manchester, for the Committee on State Prison, to whom was referred House Bill No. 347, An act authorizing the employment of prisoners on state highways, preparation of road materials, and in state forestry, authorizing extra good time allowance and providing penalties for interference, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 2 thereof, and substituting in its place the following:

"SECT. 2. Upon requisition of the state highway commissioner, duly approved by the board of trustees of state institutions, and under such rules and restrictions as may be prescribed by them, the warden shall send to the place at the time designated the number of convicts requisitioned or such proportion thereof as are in his judgment available."

Further amend by striking out section 9, and inserting in its place the following:

"SECT. 9. Any person who, without authority, interferes with or in any way interrupts the work of any prisoner employed pursuant to this act, and any person not authorized by law, who gives or attempts to give to any prisoner so employed any narcotic, or intoxicating liquors, or drug of any kind whatever, or firearms, weapons or explosives of any kind, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of more than one year and not more than five years."

The report was accepted.

The question being on the amendments,

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Concord, the bill with the pending amendments was laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, February 15, at 11.01 a. m.

Mr. Poole of Conway, for the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Strike out all of section 4 after the fourth line and insert in place thereof the following:

Class 1. Motor vehicles, makers list price not exceeding \$600—thirty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, twenty cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, fifteen cents per rated horse-power for

second succeeding year, ten cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

Class 2. Motor vehicles, makers list price exceeding \$600 and not exceeding \$1,000—fifty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, forty cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, thirty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, fifteen cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

Class 3. Motor vehicles, makers list price exceeding \$1,000 and not exceeding \$1,500—seventy cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, fifty cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, thirty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

Class 4. Motor vehicles, makers list price exceeding \$1,500 and not exceeding \$2,000—one dollar per rated horse-power for current year of model, seventy-five cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, fifty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

Class 5. Motor vehicles, makers list price exceeding \$2,000 and not exceeding \$2,500—one dollar and twenty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, ninety cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, fifty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

Class 6. Motor vehicles, makers price list exceeding \$2,500 and not exceeding \$3,500—one dollar and forty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, one dollar per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, sixty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

Class 7. Motor vehicles, makers price list exceeding \$3,500—one dollar and eighty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, one dollar per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, sixty cents per rated horse-power

for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

Two wheeled motor cycles two dollars and twenty-five cents per year.

For the purposes of this act fractions of horse-power shall not be considered, so that section 4 shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. The treasurer of each city, or such other person as the city government may designate, and the town clerk of each town shall collect fees for such permits, as follows:"

"*Class 1.* Motor vehicles, makers list price not exceeding \$600—thirty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, twenty cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, fifteen cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, ten cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

"*Class 2.* Motor vehicles, makers list price exceeding \$600 and not exceeding \$1,000—fifty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, forty cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, thirty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, fifteen cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

"*Class 3.* Motor vehicles, makers list price exceeding \$1,000 and not exceeding \$1,500—seventy cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, fifty cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, thirty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

"*Class 4.* Motor vehicles, makers list price exceeding \$1,500 and not exceeding \$2,000—one dollar per rated horse-power for current year of model, seventy-five cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, fifty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

"*Class 5.* Motor vehicles, makers list price exceeding \$2,000 and not exceeding \$2,500—one dollar and twenty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, ninety cents per rated horse-power for first succeeding year,

fifty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

"*Class 6.* Motor vehicles, makers price list exceeding \$2,500 and not exceeding \$3,500—one dollar and forty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, one dollar per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, sixty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

"*Class 7.* Motor vehicles, makers price list exceeding \$3,500—one dollar and eighty cents per rated horse-power for current year of model, one dollar per rated horse-power for first succeeding year, sixty cents per rated horse-power for second succeeding year, twenty cents per rated horse-power for third and succeeding years.

"Two wheeled motor cycles two dollars and twenty-five cents per year.

"For the purposes of this act fractions of horse-power shall not be considered."

Amend section 6 by striking out the words "and twelve and one-half cents additional in each case" and inserting in place thereof the words "of this act," so that said section shall read as follows:

"SECT. 6. For permits issued under the provisions of this act during the period beginning with the first day of October and ending on the thrity-first day of December in any year, the fees shall be one half of the sums named in section four of this act."

The report was accepted.

The question being on the amendments,

On motion of Mr. Poole of Conway, the bill with the amendments was laid upon the table, meanwhile the bill and amendments to be printed.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 69, Joint resolution appropriating \$2,000 for finishing and furnishing the state armory at Portsmouth, reported

the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 495, An act in amendment of section 9, chapter 286 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 25, Session Laws of 1909, and chapter 100, Session Laws of 1911, relating to clerical expenses in the adjutant-general's office, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the Committee on Ways and Means, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 512, An act to provide for investigation by the attorney-general of the rise in prices of the necessities of life, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and re-committed to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 513, An act to incorporate the Beebe River railroad, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and re-committed to the committee.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the Committee on Ways and Means, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 514, An act to more effectively restrain agreements to regulate and fix prices of commodities in this state and to restrain combinations and monopolies in commodities and provide penalties therefor, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Poole of Conway, for the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House Bill No. 179, An act exempting widows from taxation in certain cases, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Bell of Plymouth, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 5 of House Bill No. 508 by striking out the entire section, and inserting in its place the following:

SECT. 5. Amend section 14 (a) of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915 by adding after the word "Carroll" in line three, the words "except the town of Moultonborough" and inserting after the word "Belknap" in line five the words "the town of Moultonborough, in the county of Carroll," so that said section shall read:

"SECT. 14. (a) Wild deer may be captured or taken in the county of Coös, from the fifteenth day of October to the sixteenth day of December; in the counties of Grafton and Carroll, except the town of Moultonborough, from the first day of November to the sixteenth day of December; in the counties of Sullivan, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Belknap and the town of Moultonborough in Carroll, Merrimack, Rockingham, and Strafford from the first day of December to the sixteenth day of December after 5 a. m. and before 6 p. m."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 1, An act to regulate the placing out in family homes and the subsequent supervision of dependent and neglected children, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 2, An act in amendment of chapter 125, Laws of 1907, relating to regulation and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 239, An act to provide for the appointment of a child welfare commission, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 466, An act relative to the price of gas at Dover, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 420, An act entitled

"An act to regulate the payment of witness fees of witnesses attending court under order of the county solicitor," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 489, An act to make competent declaration of deceased persons under certain circumstances, and to repeal sections 16, 17, 18 and 19 of chapter 224 of the Public Statutes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 487, An act to provide for the suspension of the rules of evidence to prevent injustice, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 293, An act to establish a department of supervision of necessaries, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 52, An act to amend chapter 224 of the Public Statutes relating to witnesses, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 425, An act

concerning the raising of dogs, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

Mr. Pearson of Laconia moved that the bill with the accompanying report be laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, February 21, at 11.01 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

BILL FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 70, An act in repeal of chapter 95 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act in relation to street railways," and in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission."

Taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Callahan of Keene called for the special order, House Bill No. 458, An act to prohibit employers from deducting from employees when late for work, more than the exact number of minutes.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass?

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the bill was recommended to the Committee on Labor.

ORDER VACATED.

On motion of Mr. Woodman of Milford,—

Resolved, That the order by which House Bill No. 266, An act to provide for the expenditure of funds received by the state from the national forest, was referred to the Committee on Forestry, be vacated, and the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Plymouth,—

Resolved, That the clerk of the House be authorized to procure additional printed copies of House Bill No. 508, "An act in relation to fish and game," as amended.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, at 12.21 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 70, An act in repeal of chapter 95 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act in relation to street railways," and in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission."

House Bill No. 4, An act in amendment of chapter 125, Laws 1907, relating to the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children.

House Bill No. 278, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 198 of the Public Statutes relating to trustees of estates.

House Bill No. 291, An act in amendment of chapter 285 of the Public Statutes relating to the state prison.

House Bill No. 391, An act to provide for the attesting and certifying of public records, deeds, instruments, and official copies in certain cases.

House Bill No. 415, An act to ratify the placing of the management and control of New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution under the control of its alumni and former students and teachers by its board of corporators.

House Bill No. 475, An act to change the name of the Wolfeborough Junction Fire district, incorporated by chapter 148, Laws of 1893.

House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 89, An act to amend chapter 5 of the Public Statutes relating to the publication and distribution of statutes, journals and reports.

House Bill No. 99, An act to exempt from taxation the Star Island property owned and used by the Unitarians for religious and educational purposes.

House Bill No. 127, An act to amend chapter 18 of the Laws of 1903 relating to domestic insurance companies.

House Bill No. 129, An act to amend chapter 63 of the Laws of 1915 relating to insurance brokers.

House Bill No. 130, An act to amend chapter 28 of the Laws of 1911 in relation to the establishment and maintenance of safety funds by fire insurance companies.

House Bill No. 133, An act to amend chapter 131 of the Laws of 1911 relating to the duties of the state treasurer.

House Bill No. 170, An act to amend chapter 81, Laws of 1895, to regulate the business of assessment casualty insurance.

House Bill No. 195, An act to amend chapter 42 of the Laws of 1913 relating to domestic life insurance companies.

House Bill No. 39, An act to provide a seal for the New Hampshire Board of Conciliation and Arbitration.

House Bill No. 113, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents.

The message further announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 35, An act to make uniform the law of acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments taken outside the United States.

Senate Bill No. 36, An act to make uniform the law of bills of lading.

Senate Bill No. 40, An act to establish and maintain a system of parks, playgrounds and parkways in the city of Berlin.

The message also announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 219, An act giving certain power to justices of the superior court for the humane treatment of prisoners in county jails.

Amend section 1 by inserting after the words "county jail" in the first line thereof the words "or house of correction," and by inserting after the word "jail" in the fourth line thereof the words "or house of correction," so that said section as amended shall read:

"SECTION 1. Any person confined in a county jail or house of correction may, under such precautions and for such time and purpose as any justice of the superior court may order, be temporarily taken by some regular or specially authorized officer from such jail or house of correction because of his own extremely critical illness or the imminently approaching death of a member of his immediate

family, or the funeral of a member of his immediate family, or for such imperative and extraordinary purpose as shall be deemed justifiable and humane by the justice of said court to whom application is made."

Amend the title by adding at the end thereof the words "or houses of correction," so that said title as amended shall read:

"An act giving certain power to justices of the superior court for the humane treatment of prisoners in county jails or houses of correction."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 26, An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other public libraries.

Amend section 29 of said bill by striking out the remainder of said section after the word "duties" and inserting in place thereof the following: "The exclusive control of the supreme court rooms in the state library building shall be vested in the judges of the supreme court," so that said section as amended shall read:

"SECT. 29. (State Library Building.) The trustees shall be the custodians of the state library building and grounds, maintain them in suitable repair and provide for keeping in suitable condition at all times for the use of the state library and the supreme court. The state librarian shall be the executive officer of the trustees in the performance of these duties. The exclusive control of the supreme court rooms in the state library building shall be vested in the judges of the supreme court."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 35, An act to make uniform the law of acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments taken outside the United States.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 40, An act to establish and maintain a system of parks, playgrounds and parkways in the city of Berlin.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 36, An act to make uniform the law of bills of lading.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, the rules were suspended to allow of the introduction of a committee report.

Mr. Challis of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 443, An act to provide state pay for the wives, minor children, parents or dependents of soldiers in the volunteer service of the United States, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend by striking out all of said bill after the enacting clause and insert in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. There shall be appropriated and paid from the state treasury from any money not otherwise appropriated a sum equal to ten dollars (\$10) per month for the time that they may have served in the military service of the United States, under the call of the President of the United States in the year 1916, for each month or part thereof from the time of their muster into the service of

the United States as a part of the quota of New Hampshire until his muster out of said service the purpose of this act being to apply to each enlisted man in said quota, including the First Regiment of Infantry, the Medical Corps, the Field Hospital, the Field Artillery, the Signal Corps and the Cavalry units, so mustered, but not including in any case the commissioned officers of said organizations.

"SECT. 2. The money hereinafter appropriated shall be disbursed through the office of the adjutant-general under such regulations as may be formulated by him and be approved by the governor and council.

"SECT. 3. The sum of ninety-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the carrying out of the purposes of this act, the same to be immediately available.

"SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

Amend the title of the bill by striking out the same and inserting in place thereof the following:

"An act for the relief of soldiers of the state of New Hampshire in the service of the United States."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Roukey of Manchester, at 3.39 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Stillings of Bartlett, Eastman of Weare and Burnham of Dunbarton were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week an account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 7, An act in relation to the fees of witnesses in all legal proceedings.

House Bill No. 9, An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs-at-law and beneficiaries.

House Bill No. 11, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 227 of the Public Statutes relating to impanelling jurors in civil cases.

House Bill No. 12, An act providing for the comfort and hours of work of jurors.

House Bill No. 24, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 25 of the Public Statutes relating to election of county officers.

House Bill No. 37, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, relating to publication of vital statistics in towns.

House Bill No. 42, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 176 of the Laws of 1909, relating to insurance on state buildings.

House Bill No. 46, An act to amend chapter 6 of the Laws of 1915 with reference to changing the name of Spectacle pond in the town of Sunapee.

House Bill No. 88, An act for the acceptance of the provisions of the federal aid road act.

House Bill No. 120, An act in amendment of section 5, chapter 166 of the Public Statutes, relative to building and loan associations.

House Bill No. 167, An act to exempt the home of the Friendly club from taxation.

House Bill No. 294, An act to authorize the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty.

House Bill No. 310, An act to legalize the biennial elections held on the seventh day of November, 1916, in the towns of Alton and Troy.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 427, An act authorizing the borrowing of money by building and loan associations, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 44, An act to provide for the registration of public accountants, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 515, An act providing for taxation of deposits in the savings departments of national banks, with the recommendation that the bill be tabled to print and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 90, Joint resolution in favor of William F. Hoyt, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the joint resolution read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 68, Joint resolution in favor of Miles W. Roby, reported the

same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution in the first line thereof so that same will read "Miles S. Roby" and amend the fifth line thereof so that same will read "five hundred dollars," so that said resolution shall read as follows:

"That to compensate Miles S. Roby for damages done to his mill privilege, situated in Boscawen, in the county of Merrimack, by the construction of the state highway leading through said Boscawen, the sum of five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid to the said Miles S. Roby, and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 58, An act for more efficient supervision of schools, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 509, An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 91, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of Dartmouth college, with the recommendation that the joint resolution be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted, the joint resolution read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Education.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the Committee on Elections, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 92, Joint resolution in favor of Chester Abbott, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the joint resolution read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Boisvert of Greenville, for the Committee on Industrial School, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 7, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the industrial school, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 146, An act in amendment of chapter 95, Laws of 1911, relating to portable steam sawmills, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 207, An act in amendment of chapter 96, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 138, Laws of 1915, relating to roadside improvement, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 376, An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 8 of printed bill by inserting in the third line after the word "shall" the following words, "after it has commenced to issue policies," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 8. If any insurance company organized under the laws of this state, whether by special charter or under the general law, shall, after it has commenced to issue policies, cease for the period of one year to make new insurance, its corporate powers shall thereby expire, except as to the performance of its existing contracts, and the superior court within and for the county in which it has its principal place of business, upon petition of the insurance commissioner, may make such a decree for the settlement of its affairs and dissolution thereof as justice may require."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, to whom was referred House Bill No. 196, An act to amend chapter 78 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the licensing of insurance agents, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 516, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 155, Laws of 1913, relating to the clearing of lumber slash along highways, as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1915, with the recommendation that it be tabled to print and referred to the Committee on Forestry.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Forestry.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 23, An act to establish a state police force, reported the same with the follow-

ing amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the last sentence of section 2 of said bill by inserting the word "five" between the words "forty" and "years" in the last line of said sentence, so that said sentence as amended shall read as follows: "No applicant shall be appointed to the state police until he has satisfactorily passed a physical and mental examination, the mental examination to be given by the superintendent of the state police, and the physical examination shall be such an examination as is usually required by life insurance companies, in addition to which each applicant must be a citizen of the United States, of good moral character, and between the ages of twenty-one and forty-five years."

Amend section 4 of said bill by inserting the words "and towns" after the word "cities" in the thirteenth line of the printed bill, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. The department of state police shall be under the direction and control of the attorney-general, and at his direction the members of the state police force shall work under the orders of the various county solicitors, and the various members of the state police force are hereby authorized and empowered to make arrests, without warrants, for all violations of the law which they may witness, and to serve and execute warrants issued by the proper local authorities. They are also authorized and empowered to act as fish and game and fire wardens, and, in general, to have all the powers and prerogatives conferred by law upon members of the police forces of cities and towns, or upon sheriffs and deputy sheriffs. The state police force shall, wherever possible, co-operate with the local authorities in detecting crime, and apprehending criminals, and in preserving the law and order throughout the state."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 333, An act providing for the dissolution of religious societies, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 365, An act in reference to the so-called "Robinson Female Seminary Funds" of the town of Exeter, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 364, An act to incorporate the Merrill Institute and Free Lecture Association of the town of Exeter, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 382, An act authorizing the Nashua Manufacturing company to increase its capital stock, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 200, An act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal societies, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, February 20, at 11.03 o'clock.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 213, An act to prevent the pollution of the Ellis and Wilcat rivers and their

tributaries, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by adding a new section as follows:

"SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 269, An act to enable the selectmen of the town of Lancaster to convey and tax certain lots of land in said town, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 81, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of Tumbledown Dick road in the town of Brookfield, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 35, Joint resolution for the completion of the highway from Raymond to Plaistow, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 88, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvement and maintenance of state highway leading from Little Diamond pond to Big Diamond pond, with the recommendation that the joint resolution be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted, the joint resolution read a

first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 497, An act for the establishment of a state police adjunctive to the law department, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 238, An act to provide for the support of destitute parents, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 64, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the highway extending from the East Side trunk line near West Ossipee, to the state road in Tamworth village, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 12, Joint resolution to include bridges in state aid on all public highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 42, Joint resolution for the repair of the Stinson Lake road in the town of Rumney, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolution, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 76, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the Silver Lake road in Madison, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 78, Joint resolution in favor of repairing Tumbledown Dick road in the town of Brookfield, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 74, Joint resolution appropriating money to reimburse the city of Nashua, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 98, An act giving the public service commission jurisdiction in certain particulars over public utilities municipally owned and operated, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 41, Joint resolution for construction of state highway in the town of Whitefield, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gaudreau of Somersworth, for the Special Committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Somersworth, to whom was referred House Bill No. 350, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 171 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Somersworth," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the Special Committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 398, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," conferring additional powers upon the board of public works of said city in certain cases, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the Special Committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 388, An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers upon the board of police commissioners, in certain cases, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the Special Committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 389, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of garbage precincts within the limits of said city, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Murchie of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 347, An act authorizing the employment of prisoners on state highways, preparation of road materials, and in state forestry, authorizing extra good time allowance and providing penalties for interference.

The question being on the amendment reported by the committee,

On motion of Mr. Bunton of Manchester, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on State Prison.

RECONSIDERATION.

Mr. Connor of Manchester moved that the vote whereby the House passed House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game, be reconsidered, and, with this motion pending, moved that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, February 20, at 11.02 o'clock.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and when the House then adjourns it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the

House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 43, An act to incorporate the Annie E. Woodman Institute.

House Bill No. 79, An act providing for the further instruction of pupils in rural schools.

House Bill No. 87, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 96 of the Session Laws of 1901, entitled "An act relating to high schools," as amended by chapter 118 of the Session Laws of 1903.

House Bill No. 271, An act in amendment of chapter 168 of the Session Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in the city of Manchester."

House Bill No. 469, An act in amendment of the charter of the Page Belting company.

House Bill No. 470, An act to incorporate the "Timber Lands Mutual Fire Insurance company."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 10, An act relative to state highways.

Senate Bill No. 19, An act to amend chapter 286 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to incorporate the Errol and Berlin Electric Railway company."

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 10, An act relative to state highways.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Senate Bill No. 19, An act to amend chapter 286 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to incorporate the Errol and Berlin Electric Railway company."

On motion of Mr Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

(Mr. Childs of Hillsborough in the chair.)

House Bill No. 146, An act in amendment of chapter 95, Laws of 1911, relating to portable steam sawmills.

House Bill No. 196, An act to amend chapter 78 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the licensing of insurance agents.

House Bill No. 207, An act in amendment of chapter 96, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 138, Laws of 1915, relating to roadside improvement.

House Bill No. 213, An act to prevent the pollution of the Ellis and Wildcat rivers and their tributaries.

House Bill No. 269, An act to enable the selectmen of the town of Lancaster to convey and tax certain lots of land in said town.

House Bill No. 333, An act providing for the dissolution of religious societies.

House Bill No. 364, An act to incorporate the Merrill Institute and Free Lecture Association of the town of Exeter.

House Bill No. 365, An act in reference to the so-called "Robinson Female Seminary Funds" of the town of Exeter.

House Bill No. 376, An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies.

House Bill No. 382, An act authorizing the Nashua Manufacturing company to increase its capital stock.

House Bill No. 509, An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905.

House Bill No. 350, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 171 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Somersworth."

House Bill No. 388, An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers upon the board of police commissioners in certain cases.

House Bill No. 389, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of garbage precincts within the limits of said city.

House Bill No. 398, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," conferring additional powers upon the board of public works of said city in certain cases.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Kendall of Nashua, at 12.26 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., February 16, 1917.

William J. Ahern, Esq.,

Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,

Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, business in order at 11 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the first reading of new bills by their titles made in order.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 517, An act relating to tuberculosis, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and then recommitted to the Committee on Public Health.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Public Health.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 518, An act for the protection of pupils in public and private schools, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and then recommitted to the Committee on Public Health.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Public Health.

Mr. Dole of Concord, for the Committee on Banks, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 519, An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks, with the recommendation that the bill be tabled to print and then recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

On motion of Mr. Taylor of Concord, at 9.35 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., February 19, 1917.

Elbridge W. Snow, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL;
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Beane of Concord, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.
Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Wheeler of Manchester and Towle of Epsom were granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Hopkins of Greenfield was granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness in his family.

PETITION PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Lang of Candia, Petition of Congregational church of Candia, protesting against the passage of the so-called "Sunday Base Ball" bill.

Presented and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

OPINION OF SUPREME COURT.

Agreeably to a request transmitted to the supreme court by the Speaker requesting an opinion upon the following questions arising under Article 36 of Part First of the Constitution:

1. Can the legislature authorize the granting of old age pensions, for one year at a time, to be paid either (a) by the state or (b) by any political subdivision thereof?

2. Do the restrictions in the article as to "actual services" and as to "one year at a time" apply to political subdivisions of the state as well as to the state itself?

3. Can the legislature, at one session thereof, authorize the granting of a pension for a year, and by a separate act authorize the granting of a like pension for another year?

the following opinion was rendered:

To the House of Representatives:

Part First of the Constitution commonly called the Bill of Rights is a statement of reservations made by the grantors of public power. "The reservation precedes the grant. Before they create . . . the supreme legislative power in the second article, and before they form themselves into a state in the first article, they lay the foundation and therein reserve those personal liberties, which upon the evidence of history and their own experience they think can not safely be surrendered to government." *State v. Express Co.*, 60 N. H. 219, 250. Article 36, Part I of the Constitution, to which our attention is called in the resolution requesting our opinions is a reservation or exception out of the supreme legislative power granted by Article 2 of Part II.

It reads as follows:

"Economy being a most essential virtue in all states, especially in a young one, no pension shall be granted but in consideration of actual services: and such pensions ought to be granted with great caution by the legislature, and never for more than one year at a time."

The New Hampshire Bill of Rights is mainly a copy of the Massachusetts Bill of 1780, but no article is therein found corresponding to the one now under consideration. The first clause of Article 6 of the Massachusetts document is, "No man, nor corporation, or association of men, have any other title to obtain advantages, or particular and exclusive privileges, distinct from those of the community, than what arises from the consideration of services rendered the public." There is no historical evidence known to be in existence bearing upon the possible connection of the two clauses or of any special reason for the New Hampshire form. All the evidence of meaning is that furnished by the words of the document. If any doubt which can be aided by construction can be suggested as to the meaning or application of the Massachusetts language none can be as to the words of the New Hampshire copy. Pensions can not be granted except in consideration of actual services and never for more than one year at a time. A pension ordinarily suggests the idea of a bounty or reward for service rendered but the term might include a grant which was a mere gratuity. *Price v. Society of Savings*, 64 Conn. 362; *Bowyer's Law Dict.*; *Webster's Dict.*, Title Pensions. This latter is expressly excluded. Pensions are not to be granted except in return for services which are fairly describable as actual, not constructive, or imaginary.

The resolution furnishes no information as to what is intended by the term "old age pensions." It is doubtful if the expression has as yet been so clearly defined that we can give a categorical answer to the first question as to the power of the legislature to grant "old age pensions" without some risk of misunderstanding. It will doubtless serve the purpose of the inquiry for us to state that in our opinion the legislature can grant no pension to a recipient whose right thereto is ascertainable upon any other ground than the performance of actual service to the public. If "old age pensions" means pensions, the right to which depends upon age alone, our answer is in the negative.

The reservation of the Bill of Rights made upon the

ground of economy, "a most essential virtue in all states, especially in a young one" limiting the pension granting power to one year at a time was intended to prevent the creation of obligations extending perhaps beyond the time when there was reason for the grant. The implication is that the pension grantable for one year was not renewable until the year had expired; when the need and propriety of the pension could be again examined and the grant renewed only "with great caution."

It is not probable any one would argue that this restriction could be avoided by the passage at the same time of separate bills for different years. Laws, 1915, cc. 165, 166; House Jour., April 21, 1915, p. 1008. But it is argued that the constitutional change made by the convention of 1876 from annual to biennial sessions of the legislature necessarily implies a change in this section from one to two years because otherwise the legislature would be deprived of the power of so granting a pension that annual payment could be made which it formerly possessed. But whatever change was made in the grant of power in 1876, there was no change in the reservation of the Bill of Rights "which according to the testimony of its makers, 'is the foundation on which the whole political fabric is reared.' " *State v. Express Co.*, 60 N. H. 219, 250; 9 N. H. State Papers, 851, 881. The convention of 1850 proposed biennial elections and sessions and also submitted an amendment changing one year to two years in Article 36, Part I, the same being Article 37, Part I of the Constitution, then submitted and rejected. Colby, *Manual of the Constitution*, 1902, p. 197; *ib.* (1912), p. 181.

The failure to take like precaution in 1876 is easily explainable. In the eleven years that had elapsed since the Civil War the idea of pensions was associated with the Federal Government. The United States granted pensions. No evidence has been discovered that the state had ever granted a pension. The Index to the Laws of New Hampshire contains no entry under that title. A payment

for one year was considered the allowance of a claim, not a granting of a pension as pensions were commonly understood. Federal pensions were for life as commonly granted. The prohibition of the constitution was practically a prohibition of all pensions as the term was understood. It is not probable it occurred to any one that occasion for the granting of pensions by the state would ever arise. It is certain no one then regarded the matter of sufficient importance to suggest a constitutional change. The inference from the failure to suggest a change in Article 36, Part I, in 1876 is that no change was then desired nor that a change was made in a provision to which it does not appear attention was directed.

As the legislature may grant a pension for only one year at a time, legislation in the same year, whether in one bill or several, granting in the whole pensions to the same persons for more than one year is beyond legislative power, and wholly void. We answer the third question also in the negative.

The non-delegable character of the law-making power vested in the legislature is subject to the exception that limited powers of local legislation may be conferred upon minor subdivisions of the state. *Willoughby v. Holderness*, 62 N. H. 227; *State v. Hayes*, 60 N. H. 264. "But in the nature of things such legislation must not be inconsistent with the laws of the state." *State v. Noyes*, 30 N. H. 279, 293. The local legislation of towns and cities is equally subject to a reservation made before any legislative power was granted. Obviously the legislature can not delegate a power it does not possess. Cities, towns, school-districts are merely as described in the resolution "political subdivisions of the state" made for the convenient administration of the government: they are "component parts of the state and aggregately taken are the state." *Wooster v. Plymouth*, 62 N. H. 193, 208, 209. Because there is no exception of the power of local legislation from the general

reservation limiting the pension granting power of the state, the second inquiry is answered in the affirmative.

Dated February 15, 1917.

FRANK N. PARSONS.

REUBEN E. WALKER.

JOHN E. YOUNG.

ROBERT J. PEASLEE.

WILLIAM A. PLUMMER.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 39, An act providing a seal for the New Hampshire Board of Conciliation and Arbitration.

House Bill No. 43, An act to incorporate the Annie E. Woodman Institute.

House Bill No. 79, An act providing for the further instruction of pupils in rural schools.

House Bill No. 87, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 96 of the Session Laws of 1901, entitled "An act relating to high schools," as amended by chapter 118 of the Session Laws of 1903.

House Bill No. 99, An act to exempt from taxation the Star Island property owned and used by the Unitarians for religious and educational purposes.

House Bill No. 129, An act to amend chapter 63 of the Laws of 1915 relating to insurance brokers.

House Bill No. 130, An act to amend chapter 28 of the Laws of 1911 in relation to the establishment and maintenance of safety funds by fire insurance companies.

House Bill No. 133, An act to amend chapter 131 of the Laws of 1911 relating to the duties of the state treasurer.

House Bill No. 195, An act to amend chapter 42 of the Laws of 1913 relating to domestic life insurance companies.

House Bill No. 210, An act relating to properties held for public use by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

House Bill No. 219, An act giving certain power to justices of the superior court for the humane treatment of prisoners in county jails or houses of correction.

House Bill No. 271, An act in amendment of chapter 168 of the Session Laws of 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate Division No. 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of the city of Manchester."

House Bill No. 469, An act in amendment of the charter of the Page Belting company.

House Bill No. 470, An act to incorporate the "Timber Lands Mutual Fire Insurance company."

The report was accepted.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 11, Joint resolution in favor of the Granite State Deaf Mute Mission, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 3, Joint resolution providing for the payment of the expenses of a convention to revise the constitution, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Morrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 93, Joint resolution in favor of John M. T. Currier and others, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended, the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present

time. The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 138, An act for the control of the white pine blister and other fungous or insect pests, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 305, An act providing for an appeal from the orders of local school boards, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 338, An act in amendment of "An act to incorporate the North Conway & Mt. Kearsarge Railroad" passed June session, 1883, and all subsequent acts relating to it, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 173, An act to extend the charter of the Monroe Boom company, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 363, An act in amendment of chapter 141 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Liens of mechanics and others," reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 90, An act to amend chapter 6 of the Public Statutes relating to the public printer and public printing, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 336, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 37, Laws of 1895, entitled "An act providing for the appointment of bail commissioners for cities and towns," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 451, An act to provide for a place to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement of New Hampshire, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 2 and by renumbering sections 3 and 4, so that they will read section 2 and section 3.

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 279, An act permititng banks and trust companies to be appointed as administra-

tors, executors, trustees, guardians or conservators, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

"SECTION 1. Any trust company or national bank, being duly authorized, may be appointed administrator, executor or trustee, but any such trust company or national bank which has its principal place of business outside the state shall first comply with chapter 187 of the Laws of 1913 relative to the registration of foreign corporations."

Amend the title of said bill by striking out the words "guardians or conservators" and by inserting the word "or" before the word "trustees," so that said title shall read, "An act permitting banks and trust companies to be appointed as administrators, executors or trustees."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 282, An act to encourage the reform of juvenile offenders, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

"SECTION 1. The word 'juvenile' in this act shall mean any boy or girl under the age of seventeen years."

Amend section 3 by striking out the words "be entirely removed, wiped out, and destroyed by the clerk" in lines 12 and 13 of the printed bill and by inserting in place thereof the words "become a sealed record and no longer accessible to any person, and shall remain in the custody." Also strike out the word "clerk" in line 20 of said section and insert the word "court," so that said section 3 as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. Neither the record of the arrest, trial or conviction of juvenile offenders, nor the fact of such arrest, trial or conviction, shall be admissible in evidence or in

any way shown in any action or proceeding of a criminal or civil nature, except, during the period for which said juvenile offender has been placed on probation by any court in the state, or within two years after the discharge of any such juvenile offender from any institution to which he may have been committed by any court in the state; and every such record of proceedings heretofore or hereafter entered or kept as aforesaid against any such juvenile shall become a sealed record and no longer accessible to any person, and shall remain in the custody of the court wherein the same is of record, after the expiration of the period for which said juvenile has been placed on probation by any court, or the expiration of two years after the discharge of any such juvenile from an institution to which he may have been committed by any court, as the case may be, *unless* it shall be made to appear to said court that, prior to the expiration of said period of probation or the expiration of two years after the discharge of any such juvenile from any institution as aforesaid, such juvenile shall have been convicted of an offense under the laws of this or any other state."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 15, An act to encourage the knowledge of military exercise among the citizenry of the state and to permit military instruction in the public schools, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 2, Joint resolution for constructing and equipping an armory in Dover, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by inserting after the word "city" in line 4 the following: "*provided* that the city or citizens

of Dover provide a suitable site, approved by the governor and council," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of constructing and equipping an armory in the city of Dover for the use of the National Guard located in said city; *provided* that the city or citizens of Dover provide a suitable site, approved by the governor and council; and the governor and council are hereby authorized to make all necessary contracts for plans for construction, completion and equipment of the same, said sum to be expended under their direction. When said armory shall have been completed and equipped the governor shall make all necessary and needful rules and regulations for the management of the same. The governor is authorized and directed to draw his warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 8, Joint resolution providing for the erection of monuments on the battlefield of Antietam, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 331, An act in amendment of chapter 106 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act for the production and sale of pure milk in the markets of the state," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public

Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 399, An act to better birth registration, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by inserting at the end of said section the following words: "and if the name of the child is not given, it shall be the duty of the clerk to obtain it and complete the record under the provisions of chapter 16, Laws of 1893," so that the section shall read:

"SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of city and town clerks within thirty days after receiving the report of a birth, to send a copy of the record to the parents, and state that the birth has been duly recorded on the city or town books, and if the name of the child is not given, it shall be the duty of the clerk to obtain it and complete the record under the provisions of chapter 16, Laws of 1893."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 53, Joint resolution providing for medical and surgical treatment for indigent, crippled, and tuberculous children, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend the first line of said resolution by striking out the word "two" and inserting in place thereof the word "one" and by inserting after the word "children" in the fourth line thereof the following words, "and those disabled by infantile paralysis," so that said resolution shall read as follows:

"That the sum of one thousand dollars for each of the fiscal years 1917 and 1918, be appropriated for medical and surgical treatment of indigent, crippled and tuberculous children, and those disabled by infantile paralysis, such sums to be expended under the direction of the state board of charities and correction, and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Pearson of Laconia, for the Committee on School for Feeble-Minded, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 28, Joint resolution appropriating money for additional accommodations at the School for Feeble-Minded Children, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 5, Joint resolution providing for the payment of the expenses of a convention to revise the constitution, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being embraced in a similar joint resolution reported favorably.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 20, Joint resolution appropriating money for lights and buoys for 1919, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being provided for by the "budget" bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 15, Joint resolution to provide for the addition of a portrait of Gen. George Reid to the collection of portraits of Revolutionary heroes, now in the state house, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the joint resolution be referred to the next legislature.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 21, Joint resolution appropriating money for lights and buoys for 1918, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the matter being provided for by the "budget" bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 342, An act to create the state commission market, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 318, An act to assist farmers in obtaining a market for their products, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 358, An act for an investigation of the desirability of establishing a state bureau of markets, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 449, An act in amendment of chapter 153, Laws of 1909, entitled "An act to provide for the nomination of party candidates by direct

primary" and all acts and parts of acts amendatory thereto, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 468, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 34 of the Public Statutes, relating to the manner of conducting elections in other cases and the preservation of ballots, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 447, An act providing for a commission to investigate high cost of meats, provisions and necessities of life, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 493, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1915, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 34, Joint resolution for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 50, An act to repeal the direct primary law, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 50, An act to repeal the direct primary law, being unable to agree with the majority, report the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

JOHN G. CRAWFORD
EDWIN H. SHANNON.

Mr. Couch of Concord moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, February 27, at 11.01 o'clock.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 387, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of street sprinkling precincts within the limits of said city, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 392, An act in amendment of the charter of Nashua, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 6 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 6. The city of Nashua shall be responsible for

the good faith of said trustees and the treasurer of said city in the execution of any trust which they may assume pursuant to the foregoing provisions; and the city treasurer's bond shall be such as to cover among other things the faithful performance of his duty in connection herewith."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

BILL FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 179, An act exempting widows from taxation in certain cases.

Taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' Hall be granted to the commissioner of labor for the evening of Wednesday, February 28, 1917, for the purpose of having the members of the House hear the Hon. Lewis T. Bryant, commissioner of labor for the state of New Jersey, lecture upon the subject of "Factory Inspection," with illustrative views.

On motion of Mr. Dole of Concord,—

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to provide additional copies of House Bill No. 519, An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns Wednesday, February 21, it be to meet Friday morning, February 23, at 9.30 and when the House then adjourns it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was not adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Connor of Manchester called for the special order, House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill, with an amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 57, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 255 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Judgment and execution."

Amend the title of said bill by adding at the end thereof the following: "Relating to the transfer of prisoners from the state prison to the state hospital," so that said title as amended shall read:

"An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 255 of the Public Statutes, entitled 'Judgment and execution,' relating to the transfer of prisoners from the state prison to the state hospital."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 3.16 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Shannon of Laconia and Cutler of Pittsfield were granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

Mr. Griffin of Auburn was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Lowe of Randolph was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Mr. Johnson of Laconia was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Stillings of Bartlett was granted leave of absence on account of sickness in his family.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Robie of Campton, Petition of First Baptist church of Campton village, the Baptist Sunday School of Campton and the Christian Endeavor Society of Campton praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Torsey of New Hampton, Petition of Squam Lake grange praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Cole of Stark, Petition of Ladies' Aid of Stark praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 35, An act to create a commission in regard to state cold storage plant, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

empowered to enter into a co-operative agreement with the directors of the United States Geological Survey for the purpose of making the investigation aforesaid. The governor is authorized to draw his warrant for a sum not to exceed \$5,000 for the above purposes out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 155, An act to amend section 4 of chapter 137 of the Public Statutes relating to the acknowledgment and record of conveyance of real estate, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 198, An act in amendment of section 16 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of sheriffs for travel in the service of process, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 346, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 214 of the Public Statutes, relating to state reporter and reports, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 159, An act in amendment of section 19, chapter 127 of the Public Statutes, relating to butter, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gross of Croydon, for the Committee on County Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 109, An act permitting the establishment of workhouses by the several counties, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gross of Croydon, for the Committee on County Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 353, An act providing for the employment of prisoners on the public highways of the state, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill which has been favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 315, An act to enable the town school district of Newport to acquire a lot for high school purposes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 281, An act to relieve the proprietors of Hildreth ferry on the Connecticut river from obligation to maintain and operate the same, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 152, An act to regulate the fees and charges of real estate agents for their serv-

ices in effecting the sale of real estate, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 402, An act in amendment of chapter 30, Laws of 1915, relating to municipal courts, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 442, An act to amend sub-division 3 of section 1, chapter 153 of the Laws of 1909, relating to the per centum required to constitute a "party," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 481, An act providing for public weighers of coal and other merchandise, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 153 of the Laws of 1909, providing for the placing of the names of all party candidates at primaries upon the same ballot, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, the bill with the

accompanying report was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, February 28, at 11.01 o'clock.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 479, An act to amend chapter 169, Laws of 1911, relating to a permanent tax commission, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

Mr. Dimmock of Sandown moved that the bill with the accompanying report be laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, February 27, at 11.05 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Dimmock called for a division.

A division being had, 78 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 157 gentlemen voted in the negative and the motion did not prevail.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 58, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of the state for the year ending August 31, 1917, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another resolution favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 59, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of the state for the year ending August 31, 1918, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another resolution favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 60, Joint resolution appropriating money for an investigation of the water power of the state for the year ending August 31, 1919, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another resolution favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 82, An act prohibiting the throwing of glass on public highways and bathing beaches, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 118, An act to amend chapter 114 of the Public Statutes of New Hampshire, entitled "Licensing shows, billiard tables, and bowling alleys," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 161, An act to amend chapter 22 of the Session Laws of 1895,

relating to sale of bulky articles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 247, An act to amend section 5 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes relating to sheriffs, coroners and constables, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 214, An act to amend chapter 105, section 1 of the Laws of 1913, providing lights on vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 222, An act in amendment of chapter 245, section 20 of the Public Statutes, relating to exemptions, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 345, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 137 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 74 of the Laws of 1915, relating to conveyance of real estate, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 439, An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, relating to the service of subpoenas and other process, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Poole of Conway, for the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House Bill No. 483, An act relating to taxation of money on hand, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Babson of Berlin, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Berlin, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 13, An act to amend the charter of the city of Berlin, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by Senate Bill No. 7 in new draft.

Mr. Babson of Berlin, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Berlin, to whom was referred House Bill No. 117, An act authorizing the city of Berlin to appropriate money in aid of the St. Louis Hospital of said Berlin, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Babson of Berlin, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Berlin, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 7, An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Berlin, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first

time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. French of Moultonborough asked unanimous consent to present a report from a committee which had not been previously advertised in the journal.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 443, An act for the relief of soldiers of the state of New Hampshire in the service of the United States, reported the same in a new draft, with a new title and with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft and with its new title ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill in its new draft read a first and second time.

Mr. French of Moultonborough offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by inserting after the word "soldiers" in the third line of the bill the words "except commissioned officers."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 44 (In new draft), An act to provide for the registration of public accountants.

House Bill No. 427 (In new draft), An act authorizing the borrowing of money by building and loan associations.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Farley of Manchester moved that the chairman of the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester be requested to return to the clerk's

desk House Bill No. 65, An act establishing a fire commission for the city of Manchester.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Farley,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Putnam of Manchester moved that the House adjourn.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Farley,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Qualters of Winchester moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Farley of Manchester,

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Roukey of Manchester, at 12.29 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

House Bill No. 44, An act to provide for the registration of public accountants.

House Bill No. 117, An act authorizing the city of Berlin to appropriate money in aid of the St. Louis Hospital of said Berlin.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 155, An act to amend section 4 of chapter

137 of the Public Statutes relating to the acknowledgment and record of conveyances of real estate.

House Bill No. 198, An act in amendment of section 16 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of sheriffs for travel in the service of process.

House Bill No. 427, An act authorizing the borrowing of money by building and loan associations.

House Bill No. 439, An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, relating to the service of subpoenas and other process.

House Bill No. 486, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act establishing a municipal court and abolishing existing police courts."

House Bill No. 502, An act in amendment of the charter of the New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged, granted on June 28, 1876, as amended.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 209, An act to amend chapter 94 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act for the relief of the needy blind."

House Bill No. 246, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 46, Laws of 1897, relating to itinerant vendors.

House Bill No. 299, An act to exempt from taxation property in Jaffrey and Dublin to be held for the public good by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

House Bill No. 140, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the pay and efficiency of forest fire employees.

House Bill No. 169, An act to amend chapter 168 of the Public Statutes relating to insurance companies and agents.

House Bill No. 135, An act prohibiting the deposit of glass and other material on public highways and bathing beaches.

House Bill No. 301, An act in amendment of chapter 184 of the Public Statutes relating to times and places of holding courts of probate.

House Bill No. 407, An act amending section 5, chapter 176, Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to create the Littleton Village district."

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill with amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 75, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes in relation to the examination of savings banks by trustees.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. That section 20 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes be amended by adding thereto the following:

"Provided that if the trustees shall employ a certified public accountant, approved by the board of bank commissioners, to make one examination each year, that examination and the publication of his report shall be in lieu of the semi-annual examinations of the trustees and the publication of their reports; provided, however, that nothing in this act shall relieve the trustees of any responsibility as such trustees, as now required of them by law," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 20. The trustees of every savings bank shall, in person or by a committee appointed from their board, make a thorough examination of the affairs of the bank once every six months, and shall make and transmit to the bank commissioners, upon blanks furnished by them for the purpose, a report of such examinations forthwith after

they are made, and shall publish a copy of such report in some newspaper published in the place where the bank is located, or, if there be no newspaper there, in a newspaper published at the place nearest thereto, and shall forthwith transmit to the bank commissioners a copy of the newspaper containing such report. *Provided*, that if the trustees shall employ a certified public accountant, approved by the board of bank commissioners to make one examination each year, that examination and the publication of his report shall be in lieu of the semi-annual examinations of the trustees and the publication of their reports; *provided, however*, that nothing in this act shall relieve the trustees of any responsibility as such trustees, as now required of them by law."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 24, An act to provide for the union of a mutual savings bank with a trust or banking company or other savings bank.

Senate Bill No. 46, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to acquire and hold real estate to the value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Senate Bill No. 33, An act to amend chapter 303 of the Laws of 1909 with reference to changing the name of St. Mary's Co-operative Credit association.

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 24, An act to provide for the union of a mutual savings bank with a trust or banking company or other savings bank.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Banks.

Senate Bill No. 33, An act to amend chapter 303 of the Laws of 1909 with reference to changing the name of St. Mary's Co-operative Credit association.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Senate Bill No. 46, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to acquire and hold real estate to the value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Exeter, at 3.33 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Torsey of New Hampton was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Bradeen of Wentworth was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Sawyer of Woodstock, Petition of Profile Grange of North Woodstock praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Connor of Bristol, Petition of Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Bristol praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

RESOLUTION.

By Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it

be to meet tomorrow at 9.45 a. m., and when the House then adjourns it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 135, An act prohibiting the deposit of glass and other material on public highways and bathing beaches.

House Bill No. 209, An act to amend chapter 94 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act for the relief of the needy blind."

House Bill No. 246, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 46, Laws of 1897, relating to itinerant vendors.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 65, An act establishing a fire commission for the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking out in the first and second lines of said section the words "the governor shall, with the advice and approval of the council," and inserting in place thereof the words "the board of aldermen of said city," so that said section shall read:

"SECT. 2. On or before June 1, 1917, the board of aldermen of said city shall appoint and commission a fire commission consisting of three persons one of whom shall hold office until the first Tuesday in January, 1918, one of whom shall hold office until the first Tuesday in January, 1920, and one of whom shall hold office until the first Tuesday in January, 1922, or until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Said commissioners shall have been residents of the city of Manchester at least five years immediately preceding the date of their appointment."

Amend section 5 of said bill by striking out the words

"the commission shall serve without pay except that the clerk shall receive" and inserting in place thereof the following: "The members of the commission shall each receive a salary of one hundred dollars (\$100) per annum, payable quarterly, and the clerk shall receive the additional sum of," so that said section as amended shall read:

"SECT. 5. The members of the commission shall each receive a salary of one hundred dollars (\$100) per annum, payable quarterly, and the clerk shall receive the additional sum of fifty dollars (\$50) for making up the annual report, to be paid by said city."

The report was accepted and the amendments adopted.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

Mr. Woodbury of Manchester moved that the bill be recommitted to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

The question being on the motion to recommit,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be recommitted to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester?

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative appeared to prevail.

Mr. McKay of Manchester called for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared manifestly in the affirmative and the bill was recommitted to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled

bill, with an amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 443, An act to provide for the recognition of the services of the New Hampshire National Guard on the Mexican border, in response to the call of President Wilson June 18, 1916, and to raise money for the expense thereof.

Amend section 1 of the bill by striking out the first seven lines thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"In recognition of their services, the sum of seven dollars per month shall be paid, for each and every month of service, and a proportionate sum for each part of a month, to all enlisted men of the National Guard of New Hampshire mustered into the federal service in response to the call of President Wilson June 18th, 1916, who did service on the Mexican border, said service to date from mobilization at home stations or from date of enlistment subsequent to such mobilization to the date of honorable discharge, furlough to National Guard reserve, death, or mustering out of federal service," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. In recognition of their services, the sum of seven dollars per month shall be paid, for each and every month of service, and a proportionate sum for each part of a month, to all enlisted men of the National Guard of New Hampshire mustered into the federal service in response to the call of President Wilson June 18th, 1916, who did service on the Mexican border, said service to date from mobilization at home stations or from date of enlistment subsequent to such mobilization to the date of honorable discharge, furlough to National Guard reserve, death, or mustering out of federal service.

"No money provided for in this section shall be subject to trustee process, and the money paid to each soldier shall be paid direct to him or his legal representatives.

"The state treasurer, with the advice and consent of the

governor and council, shall have power to prescribe such regulations and forms, relating to the payment of the amount provided in section 1, as he may consider advisable."

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 261, An act for the extension of suffrage to women in certain cases, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 261, An act for the extension of suffrage to women in certain cases, being unable to agree with the majority, report the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

RICHARD E. SHUTE.
WILLIAM E. SHAW.
M. S. SANBORN.
FERDINAND FARLEY.
WILLIAM G. DUPONT.
EDWIN L. BATCHELDER.
WILLIAM R. CARTER.

Mr. Shute of Exeter moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, March 7, at 11.01 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 137, An act in amendment of chapter 163, Laws of 1915, relating to the reforesting of waste land, reported the same with the following

amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

Amend section 2 by inserting after the word "donors" in line 28, the following words: "and said donor or donors shall have the benefit of any profit derived from the sale of forest products from any such tract during said ten-year period."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 472, An act providing for the examination and registration of arborists, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 471, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 159, Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 127, Laws of 1915, relating to the forestry department, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 523, An act to extend the charter of the Union Surety company, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 499, An act to amend section 17, chapter 241 of the Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Laconia," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 511, An act authorizing the town of Peterborough to exempt from taxation the improvements or new buildings to be erected by the American Guernsey Cattle club, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 188, An act to provide for the appointment of a state probation officer for women, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 323, An act regulating the duty of police officers in certain cases, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "between the hours of eight a. m. and eight p. m.," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the officer in charge of any police station to which any arrested person is brought, to immediately secure from the prisoner, if possible, the name and address of the parent or nearest relative or friend or attorney with whom such prisoner may desire to consult, and to immediately notify, by telephone or messenger when practicable, such relative, friend or attorney, if possible, of the detention of the prisoner. It shall be the duty of such officer to permit the prisoner to confer with his relative, friend, or attorney at any time."

Amend section 3 of said bill by adding at the end thereof

the words "and this act shall take effect upon its passage," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 21 (In new draft), An act to establish The North Haverhill Electric Light, Water and Power Company in the town of Haverhill, in the county of Grafton, state of New Hampshire, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 463, An act in relation to transportation of the members of the legislature, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 and inserting the following:

"SECTION 1. Unless on account of some emergency, the governor otherwise specifically directs, the railroad transportation provided by the secretary of state to the members of the legislature during the sessions thereof shall be limited: (a) to transportation to and from the place of residence of the member and the city of Concord; (b) transportation of members of committees and county delegations on trips to places in this state which are reasonably necessary to the proper conduct of legislative business."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 494, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 120 of the Laws of 1909, relative

to sentences to the state prison, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Burbank of Berlin, for the Committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred House Bill No. 384, An act in favor of Plymouth Normal school, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Burbank of Berlin, for the Committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred House Bill No. 41, An act providing for the erection of a dormitory at the Keene Normal school, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 337, An act to regulate the practice of embalming and the transportation of dead human bodies, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by inserting after the word "person" in line 1 the word "hereafter," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Any person hereafter wishing to become an embalmer of dead human bodies, or to engage in caring for and preparing dead bodies for burial, transportation or cremation, shall be at least twenty-one years of age with not less than a grammar school education, and shall have practiced embalming dead human bodies for at least twelve months, and shall have had at least one term of practical instruction in embalming and disinfecting in a school of embalming approved by the board of examiners, and shall have an intelligent comprehension of such rudiments of anatomy, and of the characteristics of, and the dangers from, contagious and infectious diseases, and of the actions

and uses of disinfectant agencies, as the state board of health may prescribe as necessary for the protection of the living, before he or she is permitted to practice said business or profession within the state, and shall be required to pass an examination before a board of examiners, created and empowered by the eight following sections."

Further amend said bill by striking out in line 2 of section 9 the words "under this act," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 9. Any person holding an embalmer's license may have the same renewed, for not to exceed one year by making and filing with the secretary of said board of examiners an application therefor within thirty days preceding the expiration of his or her license, upon blanks prescribed by said board and upon payment of one dollar (\$1) renewal fee; *provided, however*, that any person neglecting or failing to have his or her license renewed as above, may have the same renewed by making application therefor within thirty days after date of expiration and upon payment of two dollars (\$2) revival and renewal fees."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 114, An act relating to public health and safety, reported the same in new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 68, An act providing for warning signs at grade crossings, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 524, An act relating to pupils' tickets, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 43, An act relating to the term of office of the solicitor of Coös county, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 139, An act to provide for the payment of revenue from national forests to the towns in which such forests are located, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 203, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 163 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the reforestation of waste and cut-over lands, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 437, An act to protect the public using the highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 162, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 56 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption from taxation of veterans of the Civil war, their widows and wives, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

On motion of Mr. Callahan of Keene, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, February 27, at 11.00.30 o'clock.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 349, An act to enable administrators and executors to mortgage real estate, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 351, An act for appointment of guardians, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 507, An act in amendment of chapter 283 of the Public Statutes relating to houses of correction, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 352, An act providing

for the payment of costs in criminal cases, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 426, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 30, Laws of 1915, relative to municipal courts, and establishing the Rochester police court, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Burbank of Berlin, for the Committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred House Bill No. 20, An act for the establishment of a normal school at Whitefield, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Burbank of Berlin, for the Committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred House Bill No. 124, An act for the establishment of a normal school at Berlin, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Burbank of Berlin, for the Committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred House Bill No. 264, An act for the establishment of a normal school at Lancaster, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Burbank of Berlin, for the Committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred House Bill No. 320, An act

for the establishment of a normal school in the city of Concord, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 417, An act relative to commuters' and pupils' tickets, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 37, Joint resolution providing for an appropriation for a state highway leading from the post office in Randolph to the "Pinkham Notch road," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 256, An act establishing the Manchester fire department and providing for the appointment of a fire commission, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 225, An act establishing a fire commission for the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Carr of Dover, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover, to whom was referred House Bill No. 357, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to the board of assessors, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by striking out the words "shall elect three citizens of said city" in line 3, and inserting in place thereof the following: "shall elect two citizens of the majority party and one of the minority party of said city," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Immediately upon the passage of this act the board of mayor and aldermen of said city, upon nominations duly submitted by the mayor, shall elect two citizens of the majority party and one of the minority party of said city, who shall serve as such assessors for the period of ten, twenty-two and thirty-four months, respectively, from the first day of March, 1917, and annually thereafter on the first Wednesday of January, upon nominations as aforesaid, said board of mayor and aldermen shall choose one member of said board for the full term of three years, or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Said board of mayor and aldermen may remove any member of said board of assessors at any time for cause, upon charges duly filed with the clerk of said city and upon a full hearing had thereon; *provided, however,* that no member of said board of assessors shall be removed except upon the affirmative vote of two thirds of all members of said board of mayor and aldermen, voting by yea and nay. Vacancies occurring in said board of assessors from any cause may be filled in the manner hereinbefore provided."

Amend section 8 by striking out the words "the sum of five hundred dollars each" and inserting after the words "per annum" the following, "such sums as the mayor and

board of aldermen shall vote," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 8. For the faithful performance of their duties the members of said board shall receive per annum, such sums as the mayor and board of aldermen shall vote, to be paid as the city councils, by ordinance, may determine. Said city councils may also make such additional regulations and prescribe such additional duties as may seem necessary or desirable for the more efficient assessment of public taxes, and appropriate such sums of money annually as may seem necessary for the proper performance of the duties incident thereto."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. McIntosh of Dover, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover, to whom was referred House Bill No. 119, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to street commission, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out paragraph (c) and inserting in place thereof the following:

"(c) The funds of the department shall be disbursed only upon checks drawn by the city treasurer, and countersigned by the mayor, and numbered so as to correspond with the account or claim it shall have been drawn to pay; and no such check shall be issued unless the account or claim shall have first been approved by the street commissioner."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

BILL FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 90 (In new draft), An act to amend chapter 6 of the Public Statutes relating to the public printer and public printing.

Taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to return to the House for the purpose of amendment House Bill No. 26, An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other public libraries.

On motion of Mr. Couch, the vote whereby the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. Couch, the House refused to concur in the amendment and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker named as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Couch and Leach of Concord and Brennan of Peterborough.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and House Bill No. 137, An act in amendment of chapter 163, Laws of 1915, relating to the reforestation of waste land, was put back upon its second reading and recommitted to the Committee on Forestry.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 90, An act to amend chapter 6 of the Public Statutes relating to the public printer and public printing.

House Bill No. 119, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to street commissioner.

House Bill No. 323, An act regulating the duty of police officers in certain cases.

House Bill No. 472, An act providing for the examination and registration of arborists.

House Bill No. 499, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 241 of the Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Laconia."

House Bill No. 511, An act authorizing the town of Peterborough to exempt from taxation the improvements or new buildings to be erected by the American Guernsey Cattle club.

House Bill No. 494, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 120 of the Laws of 1909, relative to sentences to the state prison.

House Bill No. 357, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to the board of assessors.

House Bill No. 68, An act providing for warning signs at grade crossings.

House Bill No. 337, An act to regulate the practice of embalming and the transportation of dead human bodies.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 21, An act to establish The North Haverhill Electric Light, Water and Power Company in the town of Haverhill in the county of Grafton, state of New Hampshire.

Senate Bill No. 43, An act relating to the term of office of the solicitor of Coös county.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, at 12.17 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1917.

The House met at 9.45 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., February 23, 1917.

Benjamin W. Couch, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, at 9.46 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., February 26, 1917.

Clarence L. Clarke, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. White of Antrim, McLaughlin of Nashua, Wheeler of Manchester, Nowell of Exeter and Sampson of Rochester were granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Woodman of Milford was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen was granted leave of absence for Wednesday on account of important business.

Mr. DeLacombe of Nashua was granted leave of absence for the day on account of attendance at a funeral.

Mr. Dickey of Portsmouth was granted leave of absence for the week on account of important business.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of First Presbyterian Church Sunday School of Antrim, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Second Congregational Sunday School of Wilton, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Sunday School of the Congregational Church of Center Harbor, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Congregational Sunday School of Warner, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Henniker Congregational Sunday School of Henniker, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Senior Department of Pilgrim Congregational Sunday School of Nashua, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Pelham Congregational Church of Pelham, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Second Congregational Church of Wilton, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Congregational and Methodist Episcopal churches of Haverhill, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Congregational Church and Parish of East Concord, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of the congregation of the Congregational Church of Center Harbor, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petition of Congregational Church of Pittsfield, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petitions of the following branches of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Women's Christian Temperance Union of East Manchester; Sunapee; East Colebrook; Hampton Falls; Gonic; East Rochester; Groveton; and Colebrook.

By Mr. Abbot of Wilton, Petitions of the following Granges of the Patrons of Husbandry, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Wingold Grange of East Kingston; Oceanside Grange of Hampton; Pelham Grange of Pelham; Ashuelot Grange of Gilsum; Capital Grange of Concord; Golden Grange of Lisbon; Good Will Grange of Seabrook; Cardigan Grange of Alexandria; Marshall A. Wilder Grange of East Rindge; Lamprey River Grange of Newmarket; Rochester No. 86 Grange of Rochester; Wentworth Grange of Wentworth; Ezekiel Webster Grange of Boscawen; Keeneborough Grange of Brentwood.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, Petitions of the following Methodist Episcopal churches, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Methodist Episcopal Church of Hinsdale;

morning audience of Methodist Episcopal Church of Tilton; congregation of Methodist Episcopal Church of Groveton; Mount Forest Methodist Episcopal Church of Berlin; Methodist Episcopal Church of Hampton; First Methodist Episcopal Church of Epping; members of the congregation of Methodist Episcopal Church of Lisbon; congregation of First Methodist Episcopal Church of Manchester.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, Petitions of the following Methodist Episcopal Bible Schools praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Members of Sunday School of Methodist Episcopal Church of Lisbon; Community Sunday School of Hedding; Mt. Forest Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School of Berlin; Methodist Episcopal Sunday School of East Kingston; Methodist Episcopal Church at Groveton; Sunday School of Alexandria; Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday School of Hinsdale; Methodist Church, Haverhill.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, Petitions of the following: First Methodist Episcopal Church of Concord; Methodist Episcopal Church of Whitefield; morning congregation People's Methodist Episcopal Church of Exeter; congregation, High Street Methodist Church, Somersworth; St. John Methodist Episcopal Church of Dover; Methodist Episcopal Church of Franklin; Methodist Episcopal Church of East Haverhill; Main Street Methodist Episcopal Sunday School of Nashua; Ladies' class, Methodist Episcopal Church of Lisbon; Men's class, Methodist Episcopal Church of Lisbon; Man's Bible Class, First Methodist Episcopal Church of Manchester; Epworth League, First Methodist Episcopal Church of Manchester; Helping Hand Bible Class, First Methodist Episcopal Church of Berlin; Epworth League, Mt. Forest Methodist Episcopal Church of Berlin; Christian Endeavor, Methodist Church of Groveton; Men's Bible Class, St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church of Dover; Bible Class, Main Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Nashua, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Blanchard of Sandwich, Petition of the follow-

ing Methodist Episcopal and Baptist churches of Center Sandwich: East Sandwich Sunday School; Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Center Sandwich, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Bassett of Fremont, Petition of Fremont Grange of Fremont, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

(Mr. Bell of Plymouth in the chair.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

Senate Bill No. 43, An act relating to the term of office of the solicitor of Coös county.

House Bill No. 74, An act in amendment of section 5 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes limiting the expenses of savings banks.

House Bill No. 75, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes in relation to the examination of savings banks by trustees.

House Bill No. 89, An act to amend chapter 5 of the Public Statutes relating to publication and distribution of statutes, journals and reports.

House Bill No. 140, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the pay and efficiency of forest fire employees.

House Bill No. 169, An act to amend chapter 168 of the Public Statutes relating to insurance companies and agents.

House Bill No. 224, An act to repeal chapter 268, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gordon Pond Railroad company."

House Bill No. 276, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, section 14 (e), as amended by chapter 145 of the Laws of 1913, section 15, regulating the issue of capital stock of public utility corporations.

House Bill No. 280, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 242, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Laconia Home for the Aged."

House Bill No. 282, An act to encourage the reform of juvenile offenders.

House Bill No. 299, An act to exempt from taxation property in Jaffrey and Dublin to be held for the public good by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

House Bill No. 301, An act in amendment of chapter 184 of the Public Statutes, section 3, relating to times and places of holding courts of probate.

House Bill No. 350, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 171 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Somersworth."

House Bill No. 364, An act to incorporate the Merrill Institute and Free Lecture association of the town of Exeter.

House Bill No. 382, An act authorizing the Nashua Manufacturing company to increase its capital stock.

House Bill No. 407, An act amending section 5, chapter 176, Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to create the Littleton Village district."

House Bill No. 443, An act to provide for the recognition of the services of the New Hampshire National Guard on the Mexican border, in response to the call of President Wilson June 18, 1916, and to raise money for the expense thereof.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following amendment to House Bill No. 57, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 255 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Judgment and execution," relating to the transfer of prisoners from the state prison to the state hospital, with the recommendation that the amendment be adopted:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 4, chapter 255 of the Public

Statutes, by adding at the end thereof the following: "The board of trustees of state institutions may, by majority vote, transfer to the state hospital temporarily, and for the purpose of observation, any prisoner duly committed to the state prison, who may be suspected of insanity," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. The governor and council or the supreme court may discharge any such person from prison, or may transfer any prisoner who is insane to the state hospital, to be there kept at the expense of the state, whenever they are satisfied that such discharge or transfer will be conducive to the health and comfort of the person and the welfare of the public. The board of trustees of state institutions may, by majority vote, transfer to the state hospital temporarily, and for the purpose of observation, any prisoner duly committed to the state prison, who may be suspected of insanity."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The report was accepted.

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted. The bill was then sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 379, An act in relation to medical inspection of schools, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 461, An act relating to the use of schoolhouses and other public properties for certain purposes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 154, An act to amend the charter of the Upper Connecticut River

and Lake Improvement company, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft be printed and recommitted to the committee for a hearing.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 525, An act to incorporate the United Baptist society of Somersworth, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Incorporations.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 263, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 206 of the Laws of 1897, being "An act to incorporate the Bethlehem Electric Light company," reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 3. Nothing in the charter of this corporation as hereby amended shall be construed to exempt said corporation from the supervision of the public service commission in respect to capitalization, engaging in business in territory already served by other utilities, character of service, rates for service, transfer of properties, or in any other particular, but said corporation shall be in all respects subject to supervision as if incorporated under the general law providing for the formation of voluntary corporations."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 498, An act to

incorporate the Troy Blanket Mills railway, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 148, An act to increase the power of the trustees of Atkinson academy, relating to the funds held by them in connection with any estate, real or personal, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out in line 6 the words "to any amount whatsoever" and inserting in place thereof the words "not to exceed \$100,000," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The trustees, and their successors, of Atkinson academy, situated in the town of Atkinson, county of Rockingham, state of New Hampshire, a corporation duly chartered by the general court of this state in 1791, be and they hereby are rendered capable in law to take and receive by gift, grant, devise, purchase, or otherwise, any estate, real or personal, not to exceed \$100,000."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 344, An act to license and regulate the business of making loans in sums of three hundred dollars or less, at a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, prescribing the rate of interest and charge therefor, and penalties for the violation thereof, reported the same in a new draft and with a new title and with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft and with its new title be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The

bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 71, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission," reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 4 of said bill by inserting after the word "alone" in the eleventh line of the printed bill the words "or by such lines and other lines with which suitable connections are maintained"; also amend said section 4 by inserting after the word "alone" in the twenty-sixth line of the printed bill the words "or by such lines and other lines with which suitable connections are maintained," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECT. 4. Section 11 (f) of said chapter 164, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting after the words "railroad corporations" in the third line of said paragraph the following: "or by two or more telephone utilities whose lines or wires form a continuous line of communication, or could be made to do so by the construction and maintenance of suitable connections or by the joint use of equipment or the transfer of messages at common points, between different localities which cannot be communicated with or reached by the lines of either of such utilities alone, or by such lines and other lines with which suitable connections are maintained," and by inserting after the words "railroad corporations" in the seventh and ninth lines of said paragraph the words "or telephone utilities," so that said section 11 (f) as amended shall read as follows:

"(f) After a hearing and investigation, either upon complaint or on its own motion, the commission may establish joint services to be participated in by two or more railroad corporations, or by two or more telephone utilities whose lines or wires form a continuous line of communication, or

could be made to do so by the construction and maintenance of suitable connections or by the joint use of equipment or the transfer of messages at common points, between different localities which cannot be communicated with or reached by the lines of either of such utilities alone, or by such lines and other lines with which suitable connections are maintained, and may ascertain, determine and fix just and reasonable rates, fares, charges, prices, classifications and rules and regulations relating thereto, which shall thereafter be demanded, collected, enforced, and observed by such railroad corporations or telephone utilities. The commission may prescribe the division of such joint rates, fares, charges, prices and classifications between railroad corporations or telephone utilities joining in such services whenever such division shall not be made by agreement; and any division agreed upon shall be subject to revision by the commission if found to be inconsistent with the public interest, *provided*, that in establishing such through route, the commission shall not require any railroad corporation, without its consent, to embrace in such route substantially less than the entire length of its railroad and of any intermediate railroad operated in conjunction and under a common management or control therewith which lies between the termini of such proposed through route, unless to do so would make such through route unreasonably long as compared with another practicable through route which could otherwise be established."

Amend the first sentence of section 5 of said bill by inserting the word "switch" before the word "connection" in line 7 of the printed bill, so that said sentence as amended shall read as follows:

SECT. 5. Section 11 of said chapter 164, as amended, is further amended by inserting after paragraph (f) a new paragraph as follows:

"(g) Every railroad company, upon the application of any corporation or person, being a shipper or receiver or contemplated shipper or receiver of freight, for a switch connection between the railroad of such railroad company

and any existing or contemplated track, tracks or railroad of such corporation, person or municipal corporation, shall make such connection and provide such switches and tracks as may be necessary for that purpose and deliver and receive cars thereover, *provided* that such connection is reasonably practicable and can be installed and used without materially increasing the hazard of the operation of the railroad with which such connection is sought, and that the business which may reasonably be expected to be received by such railroad company over such connection is sufficient to justify the expense of such connection to such railroad company."

Amend the second sentence of section 6 by striking out the words "and class" in line 25 of the printed bill and by adding after the word "securities" in said line 25, the words "of the class petitioned for," so that said sentence as amended shall read as follows:

"Upon petition of a railroad corporation or public utility the commission shall, after hearing, determine the amount of securities of the class petitioned for which in its opinion is reasonably requisite for the purposes for which the issue is to be made, and shall within thirty days after final order upon such petition file in the office of the secretary of state a certificate setting out the amount of the securities which it has authorized, and the purposes for which the proceeds thereof may be used."

Amend said bill by striking out section 7 and renumbering section 8 so that it shall be section 7.

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 504, An act to amend section 2 of chapter 169 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to prevent corrupt practices at elections, and to regulate expenditures for political purposes and provide for the publicity thereof," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 500, An act relating to vacancies in the office of judge of probate, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Couch of Concord offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking out the words "and the same amount by the county in case of a vacancy" and by inserting in place thereof the words "and, in the case of a vacancy, the same amount by the state," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECT. 2. Strike out section 18 of chapter 182 of the Public Statutes and insert in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 18. The judge so holding court is authorized to do any business that the probate judge for the county could lawfully do. He shall be paid ten dollars a day and his reasonable expenses by the judge whose place he takes in case of inability, and, in the case of a vacancy, the same amount by the state."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 505, An act in amendment of sections 2, 3, 4, and 6 of chapter 308, Session Laws of 1909, entitled "An act to incorporate the Conway Electric Light and Power company of Conway," reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECT. 4. Amend section 6 of said chapter by inserting after the words "private way" in the fourth line thereof, the words "*provided, however,* that said corporation shall not enter upon, or construct any conduit, wire, pipe or other works over, under, or within the location of any railroad corporation, except at such times and in such manner as

it may agree upon with such railroad corporation; or, in case of failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission"; and amend said section 6 by striking out in the fifth and seventh lines thereof the word "town" and inserting in place thereof the word "towns," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 6. Said corporation may erect poles and place wires for the transmission of electricity, or may lay the same in subterranean tubes, through, or over the lands of any person or corporation, and under or over any railroad or private way; *provided, however,* that said corporation shall not enter upon, or construct any conduit, wire, pipe, or other works over, under, or within the location of any railroad corporation, except at such time and in such manner as it may agree upon with such railroad corporation; or in case of failure so to agree, as may be approved by the public service commission, and having first obtained the permission of the municipal officers of said towns or precincts, and under such restrictions and regulation as they may prescribe, along the streets and ways of said towns; and may enter upon and dig up any such real estate, street or way for the purposes aforesaid; and it may do any other thing or act necessary or convenient or proper to carry out the purposes for which this corporation is created."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 40, An act to establish and maintain a system of parks, playgrounds and parkways in the city of Berlin, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 151, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915 relating to trust funds held by towns and cities, reported the

same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The custody, management and control of lands held by the town of Wentworth which are leased or rented shall be in the trustees of trust funds appointed under chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915.

"SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage."

Amend the title of said bill by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following title:

"An act relating to town lands of the town of Wentworth."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 94, Joint resolution in regard to the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, with the recommendation that the joint resolution be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first time. The second reading of the joint resolution having begun, on motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 526, An act to amend chapter 196 of the Laws of 1909, entitled "An act to amend chapter 204 of the Laws of 1887 relating to the powers of the Woodsville Fire district," with the

recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the committee for a hearing.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 435, An act to amend the charter of the trustees of the Dow fund and donations to the Methodist Episcopal society in Salem, of 1826, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of said charter by striking it out and inserting in its place the following:

"SECTION 1. That the present board of trustees, John N. Bradford, Henry P. Taylor, William Parker, John P. Atwood, William H. Rolfe, L. Josie Philbrick, Jennie P. Taylor and Bertha L. Palmer and their successors, forever, be and hereby are incorporated and constituted a body politic by the name of The Trustees of the Dow Fund and Donations to the Methodist Episcopal Church or Society in Salem, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and be prosecuted, defend and be defended to final judgment and execution in all acts and prosecutions whatsoever."

SECT. 2. Amend section 2 of said charter by striking it out and inserting in its place the following:

"SECT. 2. And be it further enacted that said trustees shall never exceed nine in number, either men or women, nor be less than five, a majority of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn. And that vacancies in said chapter shall be filled by the Fourth Quarterly Conference, as provided by the discipline of said church."

SECT. 3. Amend section 3 of said charter by striking it out and inserting in its place the following:

"SECT. 3. And be it further enacted that the land, money

or other property heretofore bequeathed in and by a certain instrument, purporting to be the last will and testament of Moses Dow, deceased, to and for the support of the Methodist circuit ministers in said Salem, whereof one Alexander Gordon was appointed and constituted a trustee, and all the bequests and grants which have been and may hereafter be made for the use, support, and maintenance of the circuit ministers, property and benevolences of the Methodist Episcopal Church in said Salem, the aforesaid trustees and their successors forever, may take, hold, use, and distribute according to the tenor of the bequest, or grant, bequeathing, or granting the same, and said trustees shall be capable of taking, holding, and administering any gift, grant, or trust estate for the purposes aforesaid, *provided*, that the annual income thereof shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars."

SECT. 4. Amend section 4 of said charter by striking it out and inserting in its place the following:

"SECT. 4. And be it further enacted that said trustees shall forever, have full power to appoint a treasurer, clerk and other officers necessary for the proper management of said funds."

SECT. 5. Amend section 6 of said charter by striking it out and inserting in its place the following:

"SECT. 6. And be it further enacted that John N. Bradford be authorized to call the first meeting of said trustees by giving to each trustee notice of the time, place, and object thereof at least five days prior to the day of said meeting."

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 501, An act relating to desertion or abandonment of wife or minor children, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 59, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Merrimack Valley road at Manchester with the South Side road at Milford, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out sections 5 and 9 and renumbering sections 6, 7 and 8 so that they will be 5, 6 and 7 and by renumbering section 10 so that it will be section 9, and further amend said bill by inserting the following section to be numbered section 8:

"SECT. 8. The highway commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to expend for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act such part as he may see fit of the appropriation made at this session of the legislature for completing the present system of trunk line roads and the construction of the cross state roads designated in chapter 93."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 383, An act in addition to and in amendment of the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers on the board of fire commissioners, in certain cases, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

BILLS FORWARDED.

Senate Bill No. 7, An act to amend the charter of the city of Berlin.

House Bill No. 520, An act to amend section 14 of chap-

ter 169 of the Public Statutes relating to the taxation of foreign insurance companies.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Mr. Callahan of Keene called for the special order, House Bill No. 162, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 56 of the Public Statutes, relating to the exemption of veterans of the Civil war, their widows and wives.

The question being,

Shall the resolution reported by the Committee on Judiciary, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be adopted?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Duffy of Franklin moved the previous question, but subsequently withdrew his motion.

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Duffy of Franklin moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the resolution reported by the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be adopted?

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Ahern of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 50, An act to repeal the direct primary law.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that the bill ought to pass, be substituted for the report of the majority, that it is inexpedient to legislate?

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, at 1.10 o'clock the House took a recess for one hour and forty-five minutes.

(After recess.)

(The Speaker in the chair.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 50, An act to repeal the direct primary law, was resumed.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that the bill ought to pass, be substituted for the report of the majority, that it is inexpedient to legislate?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Dimmock of Sandown moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that the bill ought to pass, be substituted for the report of the majority, that it is inexpedient to legislate?

Mr. Crawford of Manchester called for a division.

A division being had, 40 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 227 gentlemen voted in the negative, and the motion to substitute did not prevail.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Connor of Manchester offered the following resolution:

Be It Resolved, That no bill shall be acted upon by the House until after it has appeared in the Journal of the House twenty-four hours of one so-called working day.

Said working day shall be construed to begin at that time each working day when the House convenes for its morning session.

And Further Resolved, All bills shall be acted upon in the order in which they appear in the Journal.

And Further Resolved, That a motion to suspend the rules or any similar motion shall not apply to the foregoing resolutions.

The question being on the resolution,

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Rules.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Wood,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Wood withdrew his motion.

The question being on the resolution offered by Mr. Connor of Manchester,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Duffy of Franklin moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being on the resolution offered by Mr. Connor of Manchester,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was not adopted.

Mr. Janelle of Ward 13, Manchester, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee consisting of five members who have not received transportation since 1907 be appointed by the chair to investigate and find out if any members of Manchester are entitled to transportation and report to the House.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Ahern of Concord moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Mileage.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Ahern, Mr. Janelle withdrew his resolution.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the

House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Joint Resolution No. 93, Joint resolution in favor of John M. T. Currier and others.

House Joint Resolution No. 11, Joint resolution in favor of the Granite State Deaf Mute Mission.

House Joint Resolution No. 3, Joint resolution providing for the payment of the expenses of a convention to revise the constitution.

House Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of chapter 154 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 39 of the Laws of 1915, relating to payment of certain moneys into the state treasury.

House Bill No. 387, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of street sprinkling precincts within the limits of said city.

House Bill No. 333, An act providing for the dissolution of religious societies.

House Bill No. 388, An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers upon the board of police commissioners, in certain cases.

House Bill No. 502, An act in amendment of the charter of the New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged granted on June 28, 1876, as amended.

House Bill No. 398, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," conferring additional powers upon the board of public works of said city, in certain cases.

House Bill No. 392, An act in amendment of the charter of Nashua.

House Bill No. 278, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 198 of the Public Statutes relating to trustees of estates.

House Bill No. 74, An act in amendment of section 5 of

chapter 165 of the Public Statutes limiting the expenses of savings banks.

House Bill No. 276, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, section 14 (e), as amended by chapter 145 of the Laws of 1913, section 15, regulating the issue of capital stock of public utility corporations.

House Bill No. 364, An act to incorporate the Merrill Institute and Free Lecture association of the town of Exeter.

House Bill No. 282, An act to encourage the reform of juvenile offenders.

House Bill No. 350, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 171 of the Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Somersworth."

House Bill No. 224, An act to repeal chapter 268, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Gordon Pond Railroad company."

House Bill No. 382, An act authorizing the Nashua Manufacturing company to increase its capital stock.

House Bill No. 280, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 242, Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to incorporate the Laconia Home for the Aged."

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 142, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, in relation to the state forest nursery.

House Bill No. 145, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, in relation to revenue from state forests.

House Bill No. 174, An act to amend chapter 115 of the Public Statutes relating to the investigation of the causes of fires.

House Bill No. 356, An act relating to snow guards on buildings.

House Bill No. 179 (In new draft), An act exempting widows from taxation in certain cases.

House Bill No. 391, An act to provide for the attesting and certifying of public records, deeds, instruments, and official copies in certain cases.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to reconsider the vote whereby they concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and had voted to concur in the passage of the bills with the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 113, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents.

Amend the title by striking out the whole and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows: "An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1897, section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 1, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents."

Amend section 1 by striking out the first six lines thereof ending with the words "as follows," and by inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1897, section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 1, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out the word "monthly" in the next to the last line of said section and inserting in place thereof the word, "weekly," so that said section shall read as follows:

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 221, An act in amendment of section 4,

chapter 43, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 81, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to regulate the sale of fertilizers."

Amend the title by striking out the words "as amended by chapter 81, Laws of 1915," so that the title shall read as follows:

"An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43, Laws of 1901, entitled 'An act to regulate the sale of fertilizers.'"

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 4 of said act by striking out the entire section and inserting a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 4. No person shall sell, or offer or expose for sale, in this state, in any form as a fertilizer, any pulverized leather, hair or wool waste, raw, steamed or roasted, or peat, garbage tankage, or any inert material whatsoever, without an explicit printed certificate of the fact conspicuously fixed to every package of such fertilizer."

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 122, An act to amend chapter 7 of the Public Statutes relating to the state house and grounds.

Amend said bill by striking out section 13 and substituting therefor the following:

"SECT. 13. (Care and Maintenance.) The superintendent, under the direction of the governor and council shall procure the labor and supplies necessary for the care, maintenance, and repair of the state house. He shall require competitive bids for labor when so directed by the

governor and council, and shall make requisition on the purchasing agent for all supplies to be purchased."

Also amend said bill by striking out the word "powers" in section 16 and by inserting in place thereof the word "privileges," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 16. (General Authority.) Whenever questions arise as to the rights and privileges of any department in the state house the governor and council shall define such rights and privileges."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 85, An act to enable constables to serve process in actions wherein sheriffs and their deputies are parties or otherwise interested.

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 4 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 2 of chapter 52 of the Laws of 1905, by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 4. When the sheriff is a party or related to either party or interested in the suit, bill in equity or other process, the writ or other process in such action may be served by the sheriff or deputy sheriff of any other county or by a deputy of the sheriff of his own county; and the sheriff may serve writs or other process upon his own deputies, and the official bond of the sheriff's deputies shall protect him, the same as in other cases where he is not a party, and the bond of the sheriff shall protect his deputies on whom he may serve process."

Amend the title of said bill by striking out the whole of said title and substituting in place thereof the following:

"An act with reference to the service of process."

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Concord, the House con-

curred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 171, An act in amendment of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the establishment of water works in the town of Troy.

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 8 of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915 by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 8. Said town of Troy is hereby exempt from paying any tax on any property owned, used and held by it exclusively for its water works, except on the land owned by it in the town of Jaffrey, on which it shall pay the tax assessed by said town of Jaffrey on the land owned by it, but in the assessment thereof the improvements made by said town of Troy on said land in connection with its water works shall be excluded."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House refused to concur in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Couch and Murchie of Concord and Thompson of Jackson.

House Bill No. 231, An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine," as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.

Amend the bill by striking out the title and inserting in place thereof the following:

"An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine,' as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915,

chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases."

Further amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, by adding at the end thereof the following: "The chief of police of cities or the selectmen of towns, or any officer authorized by either of them, may at any time enter upon any premises used by an apothecary or druggist for the purpose of his business and inspect such original prescriptions; and every apothecary or druggist, his clerk, agent or servant, shall exhibit to such officer on demand, every such original prescription so kept on file," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to sell, exchange, deliver, expose for sale, give away, or have in his possession or custody with intent to sell, exchange, deliver, or give away, in any street, way, square, park, or other public place, or in any hotel, restaurant, liquor saloon, bar-room, pool-room, news stand, or other places to which persons are permitted generally to resort, public hall, place of amusement, or public building, any cocaine or any of its salts, or any synthetic substitute for the aforesaid, or any preparation containing any of the same, morphine, heroin, codeine, or any derivatives of the same; *provided, however*, that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to sales to apothecaries, druggists, physicians, veterinaries, and dentists, nor to sales by apothecaries or druggists upon the original prescription of a physician, *provided* the prescription is retained and kept on file as authority for the sale and not refilled. The chief of police of cities or the selectmen of towns, or any officer authorized by either of them, may at any time enter upon any premises used by an apothecary or druggist for the purpose of his business and inspect such original prescriptions; and every apothecary or druggist, his clerk, agent or servant, shall

exhibit to such officer on demand, every such original prescription so kept on file."

SECT. 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on House Bill No. 26, An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other libraries, and the President had appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Theriault and Martin.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bill, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 170, An act to amend chapter 81, Laws of 1895, to regulate the business of assessment casualty insurance.

Amend the title by striking out the whole thereof and by inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows: "An act to amend chapter 81, Laws of 1895, entitled, as amended by chapter 80, Laws of 1913, 'An act to regulate the business of assessment casualty insurance.'"

Amend section 1 by striking out the words "SECTION 1. Amend section 2 of said chapter," and inserting in place thereof the following: "SECTION 1. Amend section 2 of said chapter, as inserted therein by chapter 27, Laws of 1911, and," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 2 of said chapter, as inserted therein by chapter 27, Laws of 1911, and as amended by

chapter 80, Laws of 1913, by striking out the word "treasurer" in lines three and five and substituting therefor the words, "insurance commissioner," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Of the trust fund or reserve required to be accumulated and maintained by the preceding section, such corporation shall deposit in trust with the insurance commissioner of this state before being licensed as aforesaid, and shall keep on deposit with such insurance commissioner securities at least equal in value to the amount which one assessment call upon its certificate or policyholders would produce; but the corporation shall have at all times, on approval of the insurance commissioner, the right to exchange any part of said securities for others of like amount and character. This section shall not apply to any corporation which produces evidence satisfactory to the insurance commissioner that it is required by the law of its home state or country to keep on deposit, and that it has deposited, securities to a like amount with the treasurer or other public fiscal officer of such state or country."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments offered by the Committee on Engrossed Bills as sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 11, An act relative to protection of highway signs and guard rails.

Senate Bill No. 20, An act in amendment of section 11 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 166 of the Laws of 1909, relating to tax exemptions.

Senate Bill No. 38, An act to prevent discrimination at places of public accommodation.

Senate Bill No. 44, An act relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Belknap.

House Bill No. 232 (In Senate new draft), An act to

license junk dealers and to regulate the conduct of their business.

Senate Bill No. 8 (In new draft), An act for the protection of state roads.

Senate Bill No. 15 (In new draft), An act relative to obstructions in state highways.

Senate Bill No. 48, An act to authorize the stockholders of the Rochester Loan and Banking company to change the name of said institution to The Rochester Trust company.

(Mr. Wood of Portsmouth in the chair.)

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bills read a first time by their titles.

The following bills were severally read a first and second time and referred as follows:

Senate Bill No. 11, An act relative to protection of highway signs and guard rails. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

Senate Bill No. 20, An act in amendment of section 11 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 166 of the Laws of 1909, relating to tax exemptions. To the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 38, An act to prevent discrimination at places of public accommodation. To the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 44, An act relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Belknap. To the Committee on County Affairs.

House Bill No. 232 (In Senate new draft), An act to license junk dealers and to regulate the conduct of their business. To the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 8 (In new draft), An act for the protection of state roads. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

Senate Bill No. 15 (In new draft), An act relative to

obstructions in state highways. To the Committee on Public Improvements.

Senate Bill No. 48, An act to authorize the stockholders of the Rochester Loan and Banking company to change the name of said institution to The Rochester Trust company.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 4.43 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Morrill of Concord, the third reading of bills by their titles was made in order.

House Bill No. 71, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission."

House Bill No. 151, An act relating to town lands of the town of Wentworth.

House Bill No. 173, An act to extend the charter of the Monroe Boom company.

House Bill No. 263, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 206 of the Laws of 1897, being "An act to incorporate the Bethlehem Electric Light Co."

House Bill No. 379, An act in relation to medical inspection of schools.

House Bill No. 383, An act in addition to and in amendment of the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers on the board of fire commissioners, in certain cases.

House Bill No. 435, An act to amend the charter of the trustees of the Dow fund and donations to the Methodist Episcopal society in Salem, of 1826.

House Bill No. 461, An act relating to the use of school-houses and other public properties for certain purposes.

House Bill No. 498, An act to incorporate the Troy Blanket Mills railway.

House Bill No. 500, An act relating to vacancies in the office of judge of probate.

House Bill No. 504, An act to amend section 2 of chapter 169 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to prevent corrupt practices at elections and to regulate expenditures for political purposes and provide for the publicity thereof."

House Bill No. 505, An act in amendment of sections 2, 3, 4 and 6 of chapter 308, Session Laws of 1909, entitled "An act to incorporate the Conway Electric Light and Power company of Conway."

House Bill No. 520, An act to amend section 14 of chapter 169 of the Public Statutes relating to the taxation of foreign insurance companies.

House Bill No. 148, An act to increase the power of the trustees of Atkinson academy, relating to the funds held by them in connection with any estate, real or personal.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 7 (In new draft), An act to amend the charter of the city of Berlin.

Senate Bill No. 40, An act to establish and maintain a system of parks, playgrounds and parkways in the city of Berlin.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Morrill of Concord, at 4.55 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.
Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Boisvert of Greenville and Shannon of Laconia were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Burnham of Dunbarton was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Messrs. Goodwin of Wolfeboro and Carr of Dover were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Abbott of Bath, Petition of Congregational Society of Bath, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Rice of Rindge, Petition of Rindge Congregational Church, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Rice of Rindge, Petition of W. C. T. U. of Rindge, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Tilton of East Kingston, Petition of Wingold Grange No. 308 of East Kingston, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the New Hampshire Convention of 160 Baptist Churches, asking for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petitions of the following organized classes and societies of Congregational Churches, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Mountain Club Bible Class of the First Presbyterian Church of Antrim; Second Congregational Christian Endeavor Society of Wilton; Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of Bennington; Adult Bible Class of the Congregational Church of Center Harbor; Young People's Bible Class of the Congregational Church of Center Harbor; Christian

Endeavor Society of Congregational Church of Henniker; Evening Missionary Society of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Nashua; Pilgrim Brotherhood Class of Nashua; Pilgrim Christian Endeavor Society of Pilgrim Congregational Church of Nashua; and Brotherhood Class of First Congregational Church of Nashua.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petitions of the following granges of the Patrons of Husbandry, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Winnicutt Grange of Stratham; White Mountain Grange of Littleton; Derryfield Grange of East Manchester; Trojan Grange of Troy; members of Fidelity Grange of South Hampton; Franklin Grange of Franklin; Cheshire Grange of Keene; Winnepesaukee Grange of Meredith; Greenville Grange of Greenville; Gilman Grange of Exeter; Mt. Israel Grange of Center Sandwich; Londonderry Grange of Londonderry; and John Hancock Grange of Hancock.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petitions of the following Baptist organized classes and societies, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Daniel Basaca Class of First Baptist Church of Nashua; What-so-ever Class of First Baptist Church of Nashua; Judson Bible Class of First Baptist Church of Nashua; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Wolfeboro Falls Free Baptist Church; First Baptist Church, Brotherhood Bible Class of Concord; Men's Bible Class of First Baptist Church of Lebanon; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of First Baptist Church of Lebanon; Baptist Brotherhood of First Baptist Church of Derry; Christian Endeavor Society of Baptist Church of Salem Depot; The People's Baptist Brotherhood of Manchester; Men's Brotherhood of Hampton Falls Baptist Church; Christian Endeavor Society of Gonic; Men's Bible Class of Gonic First Baptist Church; and Christian Endeavor Society of Baptist Church of South Acworth.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the following granges, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Lake Grange, No. 221, of Sunapee; Colebrook Grange,

No. 223, of Colebrook; Profile Grange of North Woodstock; Candia Grange, No. 167, of Candia; Morning Star Grange of Lyme; Lebanon Grange of Lebanon; Naumkeag Grange of Litchfield; Hooksett Grange of Hooksett; Salem Grange of Salem; Rockingham Grange of Epping; and M. L. Ware Grange of West Rindge.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the following Baptist churches, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: First Baptist Church of Meriden; Curtis Memorial Free Baptist Church of Concord; Union Avenue Baptist Church of Lakeport; Freewill Baptist Church of Gonic; Free Baptist Church of Wolfeboro; Baptist Church of Seabrook; People's Baptist Church of Manchester; Park Street Free Baptist Church of Lakeport; Baptist Church of Salem; and the Baptist Church of Antrim.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the following Baptist churches, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444: Baptist Church of Hampton Falls; First Baptist Church of Derry; First Baptist Church of Troy; First Baptist Church of Lebanon; First Baptist Church of Nashua; Baptist Church of East Weare; Free Baptist Church of Whitefield; and Baptist Church of Ashland.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following joint resolutions:

House Joint Resolution No. 3, Joint resolution providing for the payment of the expenses of a convention to revise the constitution.

House Joint Resolution No. 11, Joint resolution in favor of the Granite State Deaf Mute Mission.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton, for the Committee on Agriculture, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 527, An act relating to the quality of milk and providing for

standardized milk, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 393, An act to create a bureau of markets, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 371, An act providing for the payment of a part of the damage caused by the deposit of anthrax germs in the Johns river, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Woodman of Milford, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 81, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of Tumbledown Dick road in the town of Brookfield, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 3, An act to regulate the placing out in family homes and the subsequent supervision of dependent and neglected children, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 32, Joint resolution to repair road to Cardigan mountain, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution in its new draft read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Boucher of Northumberland, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 36, Joint resolution to provide for the repair of the Mountain road, so called, up Crotched mountain, in Frankestown, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution in its new draft read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 251, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act to provide for the care and education

of feeble-minded children," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 44, Joint resolution appropriating money for agricultural fairs in New Hampshire, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by inserting after the word "annually" in the second line thereof the words "for the years nineteen hundred and seventeen and nineteen hundred and eighteen," so that said joint resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of twenty-five (25) hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated annually for the years nineteen hundred and seventeen and nineteen hundred and eighteen for agricultural exhibits made at fairs incorporated under the laws of the state of New Hampshire where total premiums paid for agricultural exhibits the preceding year were five hundred dollars or over. Said sums shall be expended by the commissioner of agriculture under such rules and regulations as he may direct, and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 95, Joint resolution in favor of Burt W. Dean and others, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution

dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 76, An act in amendment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1, and inserting in its place the following:

SECTION 1. Amend chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 by adding after the words "state buildings" in the fifth line of section 1, the words "except the state house and the buildings of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," and by inserting the words "except the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts," after the word "state" in the seventh line of said section 1, and by striking out sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 11, and substituting in their place the following sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, so that said sections shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. There is hereby created a board of trustees of state institutions, for the management of the state hospital, the school for feeble-minded children, the industrial school, the state sanatorium for consumptives, and the state prison; for the making of extensive repairs and new construction of all state buildings except the state house and the buildings of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts; and for the purchase of supplies and material for all institutions and executive departments of the state except the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts. All the powers and duties heretofore imposed and conferred upon the trustees of the state hospital, the school for feeble-minded children, the industrial school and the state sanatorium for consumptives, and all the powers and duties imposed and conferred upon the governor and council relative to the state prison, except as to pardons, are imposed and conferred upon the board of trustees created by this act, to-

gether with such further powers as may be essential to the full and complete supervision of said state institutions.

"SECT. 2. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint four suitable persons, of whom not more than three shall be of the same political party, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year, who, together with the governor, *ex-officio*, shall constitute said board. Upon the expiration of the term of office of a trustee, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner for a term of four years. Each trustee shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Any vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the governor and council as aforesaid, for the unexpired term.

"SECT. 3. Said board shall hold a regular meeting at least once each week, at which time it shall hear such matters as the superintendents of the institutions under its supervision may desire to bring to its attention, and it may meet at such other times as the proper performance of its duties under this act may require.

"SECT. 4. Each institution under the supervision of said board shall be visited and inspected by a member thereof at least once each month, and the board shall make rules for such visit and inspection by its members, in rotation, and such other rules for the performance of its duties as it may deem proper.

"SECT. 5. The members of said board shall receive as compensation, eight dollars per day, and their actual and necessary expenses, for each day they are actually engaged in their official duties, the same to be approved by the governor and council, and paid from the treasury upon the warrant of the governor. The board shall have authority, with the approval of the governor and council, to employ such clerical assistance, and fix the compensation thereof, as may be necessary for the proper performance of the duties imposed upon it by this act."

SECT. 6. Renumber sections 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, so said sections will read 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

The report was accepted.

The reading of the amendment having been begun, on motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the further reading was dispensed with. The amendment was then adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 311, An act to protect the public against the sale of worthless stocks and bonds, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dole of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 515, An act providing for taxation of deposits in the savings department of national banks, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 24, An act to provide for the union of a mutual savings bank with a trust or banking company or other savings bank, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 528, An act to change the name and to amend the charter of the Citizens Institution for Savings of Nashua, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Dole of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 91, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of Dartmouth college, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Lewis of Amherst, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 366, An act authorizing school districts to provide facilities for physical exercise and recreation for school children, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by inserting after the word "procure" in line 1 of the printed bill the words "by gift or purchase"; further amend said section by striking out the word "land" in line 2 in said section and inserting in place thereof the words "such amount of land as may be necessary, with," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. School districts may procure by gift or purchase and maintain such amount of land as may be necessary, with buildings and equipment for furnishing to the children of such districts opportunities for physical exercise and recreation, and may provide instruction and supervision for such exercise and recreation, and for any of the above purposes may raise and appropriate money."

Further amend said bill by striking out the whole of section 3.

Further amend by inserting in section 5 after the word "acts" in line 1 thereof the following, "in so far as they are," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts in so far as they are inconsistent with this act are repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage."

Further amend said bill by renumbering sections 4 and 5, so that they shall be sections 3 and 4.

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 482, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 61, Public Statutes, relating to collection of taxes of non-residents, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 2 of chapter 61 of the Public Statutes by adding at the end thereof the following: "The proprietors of the *Independent Statesman* shall seasonably mail to each collector of taxes as many copies of the first issue thereof containing the advertised list of unpaid non-resident taxes as there are items of such unpaid taxes in the office of the collector to whom said copies are mailed," so that said section 2 as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Such list shall be delivered to the collector on or before the thirtieth day of June. The collector shall, on or before the first day of September, send to the owners of non-resident property, or their agents, if known, a bill of their taxes, and shall, on or before the first day of January following, advertise the property on which the taxes shall not have been paid for sale in the *Independent Statesman*, a newspaper printed at Concord, and also, when property is not situated in Merrimack County, in some newspaper printed in the county where the property is situate, if any, otherwise in some adjacent county. The proprietors of the *Independent Statesman* shall seasonably mail to each collector of taxes as many copies of the first issue thereof containing the advertised list of unpaid non-resident taxes as there are items of such unpaid taxes in the office of the collector to whom said copies are mailed."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 330, An act to provide for the election of a highway commissioner for the city of Franklin, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Franklin.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 329, An act establishing a police commission for the city of Franklin, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be referred to a special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Franklin.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 38, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 3 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915, by inserting after the second sentence thereof a new sentence as follows: "Said board of trustees may retain investments now held, and investments as received from donors, until the maturity thereof," so that said section 3 as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. Said board of trustees shall have the custody of all trust funds held by their respective town or city, including all trust funds held at the date of the passage of this act and hereafter received. Said funds shall be invested only by deposit in some savings bank in this state, or in state, county, town, city and school district bonds and the notes of towns or cities in this state, and when so invested said trustees shall not be liable for the loss thereof. Said

board of trustees may retain investments now held, and investments as received from donors, until the maturity thereof. Such funds or the income thereof shall be expended only upon the joint action of the full board. The accounts of said board of trustees shall annually be audited by the auditor of the town or city, and the securities shall be exhibited to said auditor and he shall certify to the town or city the facts found by his audit and the list of all securities held, which report shall be printed in the annual report of each town or city. Said board of trustees shall annually submit to said auditor a detailed statement of the securities held by them and the particular trust to which they belong, and exhibit to him a statement of all receipts and expenditures with proper vouchers, which report of said trustees shall be printed in the annual report of each town and city. Said trustees shall keep a record of all trusts in a record book, which shall be open to the inspection of all persons in their respective town or city."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 1, An act to provide for indemnifying a holder of worthless check or order, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 32, An act in amendment of section 6 of chapter 259 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the Contoocook Water Works company," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary,

reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 529, An act to authorize towns and cities to pension policemen and firemen, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 265, An act to authorize the Connecticut River Power company of New Hampshire to transfer its properties, rights, and franchises in this state, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The Connecticut River Power company of New Hampshire, being a consolidation of a corporation chartered by act of the legislature approved March 31, 1903, being chapter 306 of the Laws of 1903 and amendments thereto, and a Vermont corporation, chartered by act 201 of the Vermont acts of 1902 and amendments thereto, such consolidation having been effected by agreement of merger and consolidation of said two corporations made June 7, 1907, pursuant to authority given by their respective charters, is hereby authorized and empowered to sell, transfer, and convey to the New England Power company, a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all its properties, rights, privileges and franchises within this state, upon terms and conditions and subject to the provisions and limitations of this act."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Bartlett of Pittsfield, for the Committee on National Affairs, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 4, Joint resolution for the erection of an appropriate state

monument upon the battlefield of Gettysburg, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution be referred to the Committee on Appropriations without recommendation.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 416, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 35, Laws of 1905, relating to state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 513, An act to incorporate the Beebe River railroad, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 101, An act in amendment of chapter 80 of the Laws of 1907 relating to marriages, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 62, An act in amendment of chapter 272 of the Public Statutes relating to offences against chastity, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 62, An act in amendment of chapter 272 of the Public Statutes relating to offences against chastity, being unable to

agree with the majority, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

EDWARD J. CUMMINGS,
JOHN G. WINANT,
RICHARD E. SHUTE,
A Minority of the Committee.

The question being on the resolution of the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 190, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of jailers in certain cases, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out the words "three dollars and fifty cents" in lines 4 and 5 and lines 11 and 12 and inserting in place thereof the words "three dollars," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 20 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes by striking out the words "two dollars and fifty cents" as they appear therein and substituting therefor the words "three dollars," so that as amended said section shall read:

"SECT. 20. Jailers shall be entitled to the following fees:

"For receiving a prisoner into custody or discharging him, fifty cents.

"For the board of a prisoner, including washing, each week, three dollars."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 191, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 282 of the Public Statutes relating to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners, reported the same with the follow-

ing amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "three dollars and fifty cents" in lines 4 and 13 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "three dollars," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 4 of chapter 282 of the Public Statutes by adding thereto the following: "but in no case shall the sum allowed for the sustenance of each prisoner be less than three dollars a week," so that as amended said section shall read:

"SECT. 4. Every jailer shall provide each prisoner in his custody with necessary sustenance, clothing, bedding, fuel, and medical attendance, and the county commissioners shall allow him, out of the county treasury, a reasonable compensation for the support of all prisoners confined on criminal process, but in no case shall the sum allowed for the sustenance of each prisoner be less than three dollars a week."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 361, An act in amendment of chapter 249, Public Statutes, entitled "Police officers and watchmen," reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "and taxicabs" in line 3 and the word "taxicab" in line 6, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of said chapter 249 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "drays" in the second line of said section, the words "public automobiles," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 5. The police officers of a town may make regulations for the stand of hacks, drays, public automobiles and carts, in any street, lane or alley; for the height and posi-

tion of any awning, shade or fixture in front of or near a building; and respecting any obstruction in any street, lane or alley, and the smoking of any cigar or pipe therein, or in any stable or other outbuilding; and for determining the time of night at which saloons, eating houses, and restaurants shall be closed, and prohibiting the keeping open such places on the Lord's day."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 380, An act in amendment of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1911 requiring the use of underwater exhausts or mufflers on certain motor boats, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1911 is hereby amended by striking out the entire section and substituting the following:

"SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful to use within the jurisdiction of this state, a boat propelled, in whole or in part, by gas, gasoline or naphtha, unless the same is provided with an underwater exhaust or a muffler, so constructed and used as to muffle in a reasonable manner the noise of the explosion."

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Rice of Rindge, for the Committee on State Prison, to whom was referred House Bill No. 347, An act authorizing the employment of prisoners on the state highways, preparation of road materials, and in state forestry, authorizing extra good time allowance and providing penalties for interference, reported the same with the following

amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out section 2 thereof and substituting in its place the following:

"SECT. 2. Upon requisition of the state highway commissioner, duly approved by the board of trustees of state institutions, and under such rules and restrictions as may be prescribed by them, the warden shall send to the place at the time designated the number of convicts requisitioned or such proportion thereof as are in his judgment available."

Further amend by striking out section 6 and substituting in its place the following:

"SECT. 6. A prisoner employed as hereinbefore provided, whose record of conduct while so employed shows that he has faithfully observed all the rules of the state prison governing such employment, and has not been subjected to punishment, shall be eligible for parole as provided for in chapter 120 of the Laws of 1909, at a time in advance of the expiration of the minimum term of his sentence, to be computed by deducting therefrom not to exceed three days for every month he has been so employed."

Further amend by striking out section 8.

Further amend by striking out section 9, renumbering it to section 8, and inserting in its place the following:

"SECT. 8. Any person, who without authority, interferes with or in any way interrupts the work of any prisoner employed pursuant to this act, and any person not authorized by law, who gives or attempts to give to any prisoner so employed any narcotic, or intoxicating liquors, or drug of any kind whatever, or firearms, weapons or explosives of any kind, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of more than one year and not more than five years."

Further amend by renumbering section 10 so that the same shall be section 9.

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Tarbell of Lyndeborough, for the Committee on Towns, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 530, An act to restore the real estate of Frank Dearborn to the town of Lee for school purposes, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

Mr. Tarbell of Lyndeborough, for the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred House Bill No. 460, An act in amendment of section 5, chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, relating to the choice of selectmen, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Rogers of Wakefield moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 29, Joint resolution in favor of the Settlement Association of New Hampshire, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 56, Joint resolution appropriating money for the acquisition of lands for institutional purposes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 8, Joint resolution providing for the erection of monuments on the battlefield of Antietam, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 19, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of the public service commission for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and nineteen, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate. The matter will be provided for in the "Budget Bill."

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 18, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of the public service commission for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighteen, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate. The matter will be provided for in the "Budget Bill."

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 92, Joint resolution in favor of Chester Abbott, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in a new joint resolution.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

(Mr. Childs of Hillsborough in the chair.)

Mr. George of Gorham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 90, Joint resolution in favor of William F. Hoyt, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in a new joint resolution.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gardner of Sunapee, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 87, Joint resolution in favor of Michael S. Donnelly, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in a new joint resolution.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Merrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 38, Joint resolution in favor of Burt W. Dean, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in a new joint resolution.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 75, Joint resolution in favor of Daniel Kidder of Rumney, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in a new joint resolution.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution

No. 45, Joint resolution in favor of Thomas R. Stewart, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in a new joint resolution.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 82, Joint resolution in favor of the Bethesda Home for Needy Children, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the party have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Moulton of Lisbon, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 385, An act to provide compensation for Grace Trudeau, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be returned to the House, not being pertinent to this committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, the bill was referred to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 164, An act relative to the operation and inspection of steam boilers, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 96, An act to encourage bravery and efficiency in police officers, firemen, sheriffs and deputies, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by a committee bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 103, An act relating to old age pensions, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by a committee bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 484, An act allowing cities to retire and pension police officers under certain conditions, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by a committee bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 285, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 302, An act entitled "An act relating to the registration and confirmation of titles to land," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 309, An act to provide a board of boiler rules and prescribe their powers and duties, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 457, An act to abolish capital punishment, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

On motion of Mr. Winant of Concord, the bill and report was laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, March 8, at 11.01 o'clock.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 288, An act to abolish capital punishment, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 217, An act relative to work in mills and factories upon legal holidays, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 375, An act in amendment of chapter 55, Session Laws of 1899, relating to the licensing of plumbers, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 244, An act relating to the care of burial grounds, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 354, An act providing for lights on bicycles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 341, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 35, Laws of 1897, relating to homicide and offenses against the person, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 183, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 60 of the Public Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials, to whom was referred House Bill No. 324, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 175, Laws of 1915, relating to the salary of the deputy secretary of state, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials, to whom was referred House Bill No. 132, An act to amend chapter 167 of the Public Statutes relating to the salary of the insurance commissioner, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials, to whom was referred House Bill No. 325, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 24, Laws of 1915, relating to the salary of the deputy state treasurer, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials, to whom was referred House Bill No. 440, An act in relation to the salary of the commissioner of labor, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Special Committee to Consider Salaries of State Officials, to whom was referred House Bill No. 300, An act in relation to the salary of the judge of probate and register of probate of Belknap county, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

The committee appointed to give thorough consideration to the matter of the salaries now paid to state officials, reported that it has made a comparative analysis and careful study of the entire situation in regard thereto, has heard all parties desiring to appear at many meetings, and reports the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 531, An act to adjust and fix the salaries of certain state officials, and in amendment of chapter 286, chapter 167, and chapter 107 of the Public Statutes, chapter 141 of the Laws of 1913, chapter 116 of the Laws of 1895, chapter 166 of the Laws of 1911, and chapter 198 of the Laws of 1911, relating to salaries of various state officials, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

JOHN H. BARTLETT.

GEORGE W. BARNES.

JAMES E. FRENCH.

CHARLES E. TILTON.

HERBERT B. MOULTON.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Special Committee appointed to Consider Salaries of State Officials, to whom was referred the resolution in regard to compensation of state employees, introduced by the gentleman from Concord, Mr. Lee, reported a table of facts and statistics in compliance with request of Mr. Lee of Concord, as embodied in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker be instructed to notify the committee appointed by him, to investigate the salaries of the heads of the different departments and the salary of each clerk in each department for eight consecutive years, beginning with 1908.

After such investigation has been made, compare same

with present day salaries. Such a comparison to be made also in regard to running expenses of different departments.

When such reports are ready for publication by said committee, have same printed and a copy given to each member of the House; so they may become familiar with salaries and running expenses of each department.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth moved that the rules be suspended, the reading of the table be dispensed with and the table be printed in the journal.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Bartlett,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Bartlett withdrew his motion.

Mr. French of Moultonborough moved that the rules be suspended, the reading of the table be dispensed with and the table printed in pamphlet form for distribution in the House.

The question being on the motion,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE.

The Committee of Conference, to whom was referred House Bill No. 26, entitled "An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other public libraries," recommend as follows:

That the House recede from its position of non-concurrence in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate, that the House concur in the amendments and that the following amendment be adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives:

Amend section 17 of section 1 of said bill by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 17. The trustees shall allow the state librarian to employ such assistants in the work of the library, and

at such compensation, as the governor and council may approve.

MARCEL THERIAULT,
NATH'L E. MARTIN,
Senate Conferees.

BENJAMIN W. COUCH,
EUGENE W. LEACH,
JAMES F. BRENNAN,
House Conferees.

The report was accepted and the amendment offered by the committee of conference adopted.

The bill was then sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment offered by the committee of conference.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 114, An act relating to public health and safety.

House Bill No. 523, An act to extend the charter of the Union Surety company.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Curtis of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 153 of the Laws of 1909, providing for the placing of the names of all party candidates at primaries upon the same ballot.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, at 12.55 o'clock the House took a recess for two hours.

(After recess.)

(The Speaker in the chair.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 153 of the Laws of 1909, providing for the placing of the names of all party candidates at primaries upon the same ballot, was resumed.

The question being on the resolution adopted by the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Curtis of Concord called for a division.

A division being had, 265 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 16 gentlemen voted in the negative, and the resolution of the committee was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 3.45 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

(Mr. Bell of Plymouth in the chair.)

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 3, An act to regulate the placing out in family homes and the subsequent supervision of dependent and neglected children.

House Bill No. 38, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities.

House Bill No. 76, An act in amendment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions.

House Bill No. 101, An act in amendment of chapter 80 of the Laws of 1907 relating to marriages.

House Bill No. 114, An act relating to public health and safety.

House Bill No. 148, An act to increase the power of the trustees of Atkinson academy, relating to the funds held by them in connection with any estate, real or personal.

House Bill No. 190, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of jailers in certain cases.

House Bill No. 191, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 282 of the Public Statutes relating to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners.

House Bill No. 251, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act to provide for the care and education of feeble-minded children."

House Bill No. 265, An act to authorize the Connecticut River Power company of New Hampshire to transfer its properties, rights and franchises in this state.

House Bill No. 347, An act authorizing the employment of prisoners on state highways, preparation of road material, and in state forestry, authorizing extra good time allowance and providing penalties for interference.

House Bill No. 361, An act in amendment of chapter 249, Public Statutes, entitled "Police officers and watchmen."

House Bill No. 366, An act authorizing school districts to provide facilities for physical exercise and recreation for school children.

House Bill No. 380, An act in amendment of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1911 requiring the use of underwater exhausts or mufflers on certain motor boats.

House Bill No. 416, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 35, Laws of 1905, relating to state highways.

House Bill No. 482, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 61, Public Statutes, relating to collection of taxes of non-residents.

House Bill No. 513, An act to incorporate the Beebe River railroad.

House Bill No. 515, An act providing for taxation of deposits in the savings departments of national banks.

House Bill No. 523, An act to extend the charter of the Union Surety company.

House Joint Resolution No. 32, Joint resolution to provide for the repair of the road to summit of Cardigan mountain.

House Joint Resolution No. 36, Joint resolution to provide for the repair of the Mountain road, so called, up Crotched mountain, in Francestown.

House Joint Resolution No. 44, Joint resolution appropriating money for agricultural fairs in New Hampshire.

House Joint Resolution No. 81, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of Tumbledown Dick road in the town of Brookfield.

House Joint Resolution No. 95, Joint resolution in favor of Burt W. Dean and others.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 1, An act to provide for indemnifying a holder of worthless check or order.

Senate Bill No. 24, An act to provide for the union of a mutual savings bank with a trust or banking company or other savings bank.

Senate Bill No. 32, An act in amendment of section 6 of chapter 259 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the Contoocook Water Works company."

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.

On motion of Mr. Connor of Manchester, House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles, was taken from the table.

The question being on the amendment proposed by the committee,

On motion of Mr. Connor of Manchester, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, March 6, at 11.01 o'clock.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Lee of Concord,—

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to procure 300 extra copies of House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 73, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 159 of the Public Statutes, relating to grade crossings.

House Bill No. 117, An act authorizing the city of Berlin to appropriate money in aid of the St. Louis Hospital of said Berlin.

House Bill No. 196, An act to amend chapter 78 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the licensing of insurance agents.

House Bill No. 200, An act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies.

House Bill No. 269, An act to enable the selectmen of the town of Lancaster to convey and tax certain lots of land in said town.

House Bill No. 292, An act in amendment of section 18, chapter 10 of the Public Statutes, relating to admissions to the state hospital.

House Bill No. 365, An act in reference to the so-called "Robinson Female Seminary Funds" of the town of Exeter.

House Bill No. 415, An act to ratify the placing of the management and control of New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution under the control of its alumni and former students and teachers by its board of corporators.

House Bill No. 376, An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies.

House Bill No. 492, An act relating to the Grace church in Manchester.

House Bill No. 494, An act in amendment of section 2,

chapter 120 of the Laws of 1909, relative to sentences to the state prison.

House Bill No. 509, An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905.

House Bill No. 511, An act authorizing the town of Peterborough to exempt from taxation the improvements or new buildings to be erected by the American Guernsey Cattle club.

House Bill No. 338, An act in amendment of "An act to incorporate the North Conway and Mt. Kearsarge railroad," passed June session, 1883, and all subsequent acts relating to it.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 336, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 37 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act providing for the appointment of bail commissioners for cities and towns."

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on House Bill No. 171, An act in amendment of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the establishment of water works in the town of Troy, and the President had appointed as members of said committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Theriault and Martin.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to House Bill No. 57, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 255 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Judgment and execution," relating to the transfer of prisoners from the state prison to the state hospital.

On motion of Mr. Nelson of Manchester, at 4.15 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Bartlett of Pittsfield and Spring of Laconia were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the afternoon on account of important business.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, Petition of the board of trade of Hillsborough relating to the Contoocook Valley state highway and the Claremont, Dover and Rochester state highway.

Presented and referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

By Mr. Banks of Gilsum, Petition of 52 citizens of Gilsum, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Badger of Portsmouth, Petition of 27 citizens of Portsmouth, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Bailey of Windham, Petition of the congregation of Searls Chapel of Windham and 17 citizens of Windham, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolution:

House Bill No. 333, An act providing for the dissolution of religious societies.

House Joint Resolution No. 93, Joint resolution in favor of John M. T. Currier and others.

House Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of chapter 154 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 39 of the Laws of 1915, relating to payment of certain moneys into the state treasury.

House Bill No. 278, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 198 of the Public Statutes relating to trustees of estates.

House Bill No. 511, An act authorizing the town of Peterborough to exempt from taxation the improvements or new buildings to be erected by the American Guernsey Cattle club.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 94, Joint resolution in regard to the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 96, Joint resolution in favor of Harry C. Jones, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insur-

ance, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 41, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 363, An act in amendment of chapter 141 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Liens of mechanics and others," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 79, Joint resolution relating to the expenses of the commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 35, An act to make uniform the law of acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments taken outside the United States, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 36, An act to make uniform the law of bills of lading, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances, and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 5 of said bill by adding at the end thereof the words "but nothing contained in this section shall be construed to repeal section 6 of chapter 28 of the Public Statutes," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 5. Municipalities and counties shall not incur debt to provide for the payment of current maintenance and operation expenses except loans in anticipation of taxes as authorized by law, but nothing contained in this section shall be construed to repeal section 6 of chapter 28 of the Public Statutes."

Amend section 7 of said bill by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 7. Counties, cities and towns shall not incur debt to an amount exceeding 3 per cent; school districts shall not incur debt to an amount exceeding 2 per cent and precincts shall not incur debt to an amount exceeding 1 per cent of their last assessed valuation, *provided, however*, that loans in anticipation of taxes, as now authorized by law, may be made and debts created in supplying the inhabitants with water may be incurred, outside the limit of indebtedness. Wherever several municipal corporations possessing power to incur debt cover or extend over identical territory or portions thereof each of such municipal corporations shall so exercise its power to increase its debts under the foregoing limitations that the aggregate debt of municipal corporations over and upon any territory of this state shall not exceed 6 per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein. In ascertaining the net debt of municipalities and counties sinking funds and cash applicable solely to the payment of the principal of their debt incurred within the debt limit, shall be deducted. Nothing

contained in this section shall be construed to abrogate or repeal the provisions of sections 1 and 4 of this act. Municipalities which have at the time this act takes effect, outstanding indebtedness equal to three per cent of their last assessed valuation shall not incur additional indebtedness until such outstanding debt shall be brought within the debt limit."

Amend section 8 of said bill by striking it out and inserting in its place the following:

"SECT. 8. Immediately upon the close of the fiscal year the budget committee in towns where such committees exist, otherwise the selectmen, shall prepare a budget on blanks prescribed by the tax commission. Such budget shall be posted with the town warrant and shall be printed in the town report at least one week before date of the town meeting."

Also amend section 10 of said bill by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 10. Sections 2 and 9, chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895; section 17 of chapter 40 of the Public Statutes; section 49, chapter 43 of the Public Statutes, and section 1, chapter 291, Session Laws of 1913, are hereby repealed."

The report was accepted and the amendments adopted.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, the bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. Burbank of Berlin, for the Committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred House Bill No. 204, An act for the establishment of a normal school in the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 7 by adding thereto the following:

"*Provided, however,* that the provisions of this act shall not become operative until and unless the city of Manchester or the citizens of Manchester shall appropriate or raise a like sum of (\$150,000) one hundred and fifty thousand

dollars to aid in carrying out the purposes of said act, and place the same at the disposal of the state treasurer."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 517, An act relating to tuberculosis, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 116, An act in amendment of chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross-state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 26, Joint resolution to provide for a breakwater in the town of Hampton, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 192, An act to establish the fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance upon the superior court, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, the bill was recommended to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 63, Joint resolution for the repair of the Cherry Mountain road in the town of Jefferson, reported

the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend by striking out the words "one thousand" in lines 1 and 8 and inserting in place thereof the words "five hundred" so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of five hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the repair of the Cherry Mountain road in the town of Jefferson for each of the years 1917 and 1918, *provided* said town of Jefferson shall appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars for each of said years, the said sums to be expended under the direction of the highway commissioner; the said sums of five hundred dollars shall be a charge upon the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways made by section 10, chapter 35, Laws of 1905."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 89, Joint resolution in favor of the construction of a permanent highway leading from Pontook falls in Dummer through West Milan to Stark, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 518, An act for the protection of pupils in public and private schools, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Bill No. 121, An act to provide for state aid on certain highways,

reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Bill No. 411, An act establishing and changing the present location of a part of a system of continuous highways as enumerated in section 1 of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 85, Joint resolution in favor of John H. Dow & Company of Laconia, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 70, Joint resolution in favor of William D. Veazey Lumber Company and Melvin M. Frye, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 4, Joint resolution for the erection of an appropriate state monument upon the battlefield of Gettysburg, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to next legislature.

The report was accepted.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 16, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of road leading from Lancaster line through Jefferson to Randolph, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Eastman of Jefferson, the joint resolution was recommitted to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 260, An act to regulate the practice of chiropody, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 115, An act to establish a state highway in the town of Chesterfield and the city of Keene, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 62, Joint resolution in favor of raising money for repairs on Lost River road, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bugbee of Claremont, the rules were suspended to allow of the introduction of a report from a committee which had not previously been advertised.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 533, An act to reorganize the government of the town of Claremont and for other purposes, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester,—

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 503, An act to extend the charter of The Northern Fidelity and Trust company, has been reported to the Senate by the Senate Committee on Banks, with an amendment which, if adopted, will return said bill to this House for concurrence in the amendment, and

WHEREAS, It is reported that the extension of this charter will give to The Northern Fidelity and Trust company extraordinary rights and privileges denied by general law to other trust companies of the state, therefore,

Resolved, That the bank commissioners be requested to inform this House of the history of this charter, the privileges and powers granted therein, and to communicate any facts in their possession that will enable the House to act intelligently upon the bill renewing said charter.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock and when the House then adjourns it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 363, An act in amendment of chapter 141 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Liens of mechanics and others."

House Bill No. 518, An act for the protection of pupils in public and private schools.

House Joint Resolution No. 94, Joint resolution in regard to the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 35, An act to make uniform the law of acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments taken outside the United States.

Senate Bill No. 36, An act to make uniform the law of bills of lading.

Senate Bill No. 41, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 12.26 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., March 2, 1917.

Charles F. Emerson, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 11 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 534, An act relating to the school year and in amendment of section 13, chapter 92 of the Public Statutes, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Education.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Education.

On motion of Mr. Gray of Alexandria, at 9.35 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., March 5, 1917.

*William E. Shaw, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Crawford of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Raiche of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Faulkner of Swanzey was granted leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

Senate Bill No. 1, An act to provide for indemnifying a holder of worthless check or order.

Senate Bill No. 24, An act to provide for the union of a mutual savings bank with a trust or banking company or other savings bank.

Senate Bill No. 32, An act in amendment of section 6 of chapter 259 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the Contoocook Water Works company."

Senate Bill No. 35, An act to make uniform the law of acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments taken outside the United States.

Senate Bill No. 40, An act to establish and maintain a system of parks, playgrounds and parkways in the city of Berlin.

Senate Bill No. 41, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, navigation and transportation hazards and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty.

House Bill No. 26, An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other public libraries.

House Bill No. 57, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 255 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Judgment and execution," relating to the transfer of prisoners from the state prison to the state hospital.

House Bill No. 61, An act relating to municipal accounts, and to repeal sections 10, 11 and 12 of chapter 16 of the Public Statutes relating to the state treasurer, and section 15 of chapter 43 of the Public Statutes relating to the choice and duties of town officers.

House Bill No. 73, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 159 of the Public Statutes, relating to grade crossings.

House Bill No. 85, An act with reference to the service of process.

House Bill No. 113, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1897, section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents.

House Bill No. 117, An act in amendment of chapter 289, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act authorizing the city of Berlin to appropriate money in aid of the St. Louis Hospital of said city."

House Bill No. 122, An act to amend chapter 7 of the Public Statutes relating to the state house and grounds.

House Bill No. 170, An act to amend chapter 81, Laws of 1895, entitled, as amended by chapter 80, Laws of 1913, "An act to regulate the business of assessment casualty insurance."

House Bill No. 196, An act to amend chapter 78 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the licensing of insurance agents.

House Bill No. 198, An act in amendment of section 16 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of sheriffs for travel in the service of process.

House Bill No. 221, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 43, Laws of 1901, entitled "An act to regulate the sale of fertilizers."

House Bill No. 269, An act to enable the selectmen of the town of Lancaster to convey and tax certain lots of land in said town.

House Bill No. 291, An act in amendment of chapter 285 of the Public Statutes relating to the state prison.

House Bill No. 338, An act in amendment of "An act to incorporate the North Conway and Mount Kearsarge railroad," passed June session, 1883, and all subsequent acts relating to the same.

House Bill No. 365, An act in reference to the so-called "Robinson Female Seminary Funds" of the town of Exeter.

House Bill No. 398, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," conferring additional powers upon the board of public works of said city, in certain cases.

House Bill No. 415, An act to ratify the placing of the management and control of New Hampton Literary and Biblical Institution under the control of its alumni and former students and teachers by its board of corporators.

House Bill No. 453, An act making it an offense to ride

without right on certain conveyances upon any railroad in this state.

House Bill No. 472, An act providing for the examination and registration of arborists.

House Bill No. 492, An act relating to Grace church in Manchester.

House Bill No. 494, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 120 of the Laws of 1909, relative to sentences to the state prison.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Dole of Concord, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 519, An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time. On motion of Mr. Dole of Concord, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 535, An act to regulate the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children and to provide for the appointment of probation officers, and in amendment of chapter 125, Session Laws of 1907, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 536, An act to abolish Fast day and to establish the fourth Thursday of April as a legal holiday to be known as the

Stark and Sullivan day, and in amendment of chapter 22 of the Laws of 1913, which amended section 1 of chapter 11 of the Laws of 1899, as amended by chapter 96 of the Laws of 1909, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 296, An act to provide for the registration of moving picture machine operators, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 46, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to acquire and hold real estate to the value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 537, An act to authorize the governor and council to accept a transfer to the state of the title to the Webster birthplace, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 10, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes

relating to hours of labor, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 432, An act to require the reporting of industrial accidents and occupational diseases, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following words: "The provisions of this act shall not apply to railroads now subject to regulation by the public service commission," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Record of Accidents. Every employer of labor, except agricultural or domestic labor, in this state, whether a person, partnership or corporation, including the state and all governmental agencies created by it, shall keep a record of every accident which causes personal injury to an employee in the course of his employment. The record shall contain such information as the commissioner of labor may require and shall be open to inspection by him at all reasonable times. The provisions of this act shall not apply to railroads now subject to regulation by the public service commission."

Amend section 2 in line 1 by inserting after the word "hours" the following words: "not including Sundays and holidays"; also amend section 3, line 12, in the same way, so that section 2 and 3 as amended, shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Report of Accidents. Within 48 hours not including Sundays and holidays after any such accident the employer shall send to the commissioner of labor a report, thereof, stating:

"(a) Name, address and business of employer.

"(b) Name, address and occupation of employee.

"(c) Cause of injury.

"(d) Nature of injury.

"(e) Time of injury.

"(f) Place of injury.

"(g) Such other information as may be reasonably required by the commissioner of labor.

"Subsequent reports of the results of the accident and of the condition of the injured employee shall be made by the employer at such times and containing such information as the commissioner of labor may require. The reports herein required shall be on or in conformity with the standard schedule blanks hereinafter provided for. The posting of the report, within the time required, in a stamped envelope addressed to the office of the commissioner of labor shall be a compliance with this section.

"SECT. 3. Occupational Diseases. Every medical practitioner in this state, attending or called in to visit a patient whom he believes to be suffering from poisoning from lead, phosphorus, arsenic, or mercury, or other compounds, or from compressed air illness or any other disease contracted as a result of the nature of the patient's employment, shall make a report in writing to the commissioner of labor, stating the name, address and place of employment of the patient, and the disease from which, in the opinion of the medical practitioner, the patient is suffering. Such report shall be made within 48 hours not including Sundays and holidays after such medical practitioner is of the opinion that the patient is suffering from any such disease."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 424, An act to promote the public health by making a six day week in certain employments, reported the same in a new draft with a new title, and with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft and with its new title be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, the rules were sus-

pended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 245, An act to establish the Contoocook Valley highway, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 3 by striking out the word "town" in line 6 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the word "towns"; further amend said section by inserting after the word "Peterborough" in said line 6 the words "and Hopkinton," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. No city or town through which such highway is designated to pass shall receive any state aid for highway improvements except on such highway until said improvements shall have been completed within such city or town; *provided, however*, that nothing in this section shall prevent the towns of Peterborough and Hopkinton from receiving state aid under the provisions of chapter 158, Laws of 1913, providing for the construction of the South Side highway. No part of the funds hereby provided shall be used within the compact part of any city or town having a population of two thousand five hundred or more, such compact part to be determined by the highway commissioner."

Further amend said bill by striking out section 8 thereof and renumber section 9 so that it will be section 8.

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 397, An act in amendment of chapter 43, section 12 of the Public Statutes, relative to the annual publication of vital statistics in town reports, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Marshall of Dover, for the Special Committee consisting of the delegation from the county of Strafford, to whom was referred House Bill No. 506, An act relating to election of county officers for Strafford county, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by striking out all of said section after the word "effect" in line 2 and inserting in place thereof the following: "with the term of said county officers elected in the year 1918," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect with the term of said county officers elected in the year 1918."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

In reply to a resolution introduced by Mr. Challis of Manchester at the morning session of March 1, that

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 503, An act to extend the charter of The Northern Fidelity and Trust company, has been reported to the Senate by the Senate Committee on Banks, with an amendment which, if adopted, will return said bill to this House for concurrence in the amendment, and

WHEREAS, It is reported that the extension of this charter will give to The Northern Fidelity and Trust company extraordinary rights and privileges denied by general law to other trust companies of the state, therefore,

Resolved, That the bank commissioners be requested to inform this House of the history of this charter, the privileges and powers granted therein, and to communicate any facts in their possession that will enable the House to act intelligently upon the bill renewing said charter,—

the following reply was received by the Speaker:

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

OFFICE OF BANK COMMISSIONERS.

CONCORD, March 5, 1917.

*Hon. Arthur P. Morrill,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Concord, N. H.*

SIR:—The bank commissioners are in receipt of a communication from the House of Representatives asking that the commission furnish the House with the history of the Northern Fidelity & Trust Company charter, the privileges and powers granted therein, and to communicate any facts in their possession that will enable the House to act intelligently upon the bill extending this charter.

In compliance with this request the commissioners submit the following data:

The Northern Fidelity & Trust Company charter was granted by the legislature of 1901, by an act approved March 21, 1901. The powers granted by this charter are contained in the first and second sections of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1901; and the company is there given,

“All the powers and privileges incident to corporations of a similar nature, for the purpose of prosecuting the business of a safe deposit trust and indemnity company;

“To receive on deposit or for safe keeping, money and other valuables, the funds of trustees, guardians, executors or others;

“To make and negotiate loans;

“To loan, borrow, and deal in money and securities;

“To issue and become surety upon official, indemnity and other bonds;

“To act as trustee, guardian, executor, receiver, agent, or any other representative capacity under judicial appointment or otherwise;

“To issue, register, and countersign certificates of stock, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness, and to receive and make payments on account of same; and

"To do a general banking business.

"Said corporation shall be entitled to the privileges and powers granted to foreign surety companies by chapter 172 of the Public Statutes; and it shall be under the sole supervision of the bank commissioners."

Section 3 authorizes the company to begin business when the sum of \$100,000 shall have been paid in in cash and a certificate of such payment, verified by oath by a majority of the directors, shall have been filed with the secretary of state.

The charter of this company gives it no location for doing business. It is in this respect a roving charter which can be located in any town of the state, regardless of the necessity for such a charter. The commissioners know of no other trust company charter granted by the legislature where the place of business of the company is not fixed in the charter.

It will thus be seen that this company is not only authorized to do the general business of a trust company, but also that of an indemnity company, being authorized to issue and become surety upon official, indemnity and other bonds; yet it is placed under the sole supervision of the bank commissioners, who have nothing to do with insurance companies of any character or description.

The records of the secretary of state do not show who pay the charter fees, and therefore it is impossible to tell officially who paid the charter fee for this charter.

The bank commissioners are informed that whoever paid the charter fee sold the charter soon after. It was at that time, or later bought by parties in Littleton for the sum of \$3,000, to prevent its use in that locality. Still later, in 1911, it was sold to six banks in Keene for \$5,000, with the agreement that it should never be used in Grafton or Coös counties.

Two of the purchasers in Keene are mutual savings banks. The statutes of this state prescribe the investments of savings banks. Trust company charters are not

among the enumerated securities that a savings bank can buy.

It is also reported to the bank commissioners that this charter was purchased in Keene for the purpose of preventing the granting of a trust company charter to other parties.

In 1911, the legislature, on the recommendation of the chairman of the bank commission, the late Richard M. Scammon, passed a general law, chapter 120, Laws of 1911, taking away from trust companies that had not at that time exercised these powers, the right to issue, sell or negotiate bonds or mortgage securities, the right to guarantee bonds, mortgage securities or other choses in action of other persons or corporations, and the right to engage in the business of marine, fire or life insurance, or fidelity, surety, accident, health, liability, credit, title or other form of casualty insurance.

The object of this law was to confine the business of trust companies within the province of such companies as their powers are exercised in other states.

This act took away from the Northern Fidelity & Trust Company all its rights to act as an indemnity or surety company.

The act of 1911 also provided that all trust companies incorporated for the purpose of doing the business of a trust company or a general banking business should begin business within four years of the date of their incorporation, and that any such corporation holding a charter on the first day of January, 1911, that should fail to organize within four years from that date, its charter should be void.

This act would have vacated the charter of the Northern Fidelity & Trust Company on the first day of January, 1915, or just prior to the meeting of the legislature of that year.

Towards the close of the session of the legislature of 1913 the Senate Committee on Banks reported a bill extending the charter of the Northern Fidelity & Trust Company for four years from May 1, 1913. The rules of the Senate

were suspended, the printing of the bill was dispensed with, and the bill was passed by the Senate at the same session it was reported from the committee. It went to the House and was favorably reported by the bank committee, and passed. Thus, this charter was given four years more of life with powers directly in contravention to the policy of the state as established by chapter 120 of the Session Laws of 1911.

The legislature of 1915 had many applications for charters of trust companies. Many national banks of the state at that time were of the opinion that they might be obliged to exchange their national charters for state charters. To secure uniformity of trust company charters, a general law was passed making the attorney-general and the bank commissioners a board of incorporation for such companies, chapter 109 of the Laws of 1915. All applicants for trust company charters at that session of the legislature acquiesced in this general law and withdrew their requests for specific charters.

The powers of trust companies are clearly defined in the law of 1915, and they are again expressly prohibited from doing the business forbidden by the act of 1911, including the engaging in any kind of insurance business.

In the law of 1915, it is also provided that any charter granted under its provisions shall become void if its privileges are not exercised within one year from the date of incorporation. In this, the legislature of 1915 had particularly in mind the granting of charters that were obtained for the purpose of sale or that might be used as a club over existing corporations.

This general law of 1915 was most carefully considered, and it had to pass the scrutiny of the House Committee on Banks, and the Judiciary Committee as well; and its provisions were thoroughly examined in every detail by these committees.

The general law, section 34, chapter 109, Laws of 1915, provides as follows:

"No trust company, loan or trust company, loan and

banking company, bank or banking company, or similar corporation, shall hereafter be appointed administrator of an estate, executor under a will, or guardian or conservator of the person or property of another."

If the charter of the Northern Fidelity & Trust Company is extended without amendment, it will alone of all the trust companies be authorized to act as administrator of an estate, executor under a will, guardian or conservator of the person or property of another.

The general law of 1915 for the incorporation of trust companies provides, among other things, that the board of incorporation consisting of the attorney-general and the bank commissioners shall pass upon the question whether the public convenience and advantage will be promoted by the establishment of such a corporation in any particular place.

If the charter of the Northern Fidelity & Trust Company is extended without amendment, it can be located anywhere in the state except in Grafton and Coös counties, regardless of whether the public convenience and advantage will be promoted thereby.

House Bill No. 503, which extends the charter of the Northern Fidelity & Trust Company for four years, was presented to the bank committee of the House and reported by them at a time when it was impossible for any member of the bank commission to be present and present the foregoing information. The bank committee of the House were therefore in ignorance of the privileges of this charter. After the bill reached the Senate, the information here contained was presented informally to the bank committee of that body, and a time for hearing of House Bill No. 503 was fixed.

Pending this hearing, the chairman of the bank commission was asked by parties interested in this charter to present to them an amendment that would eliminate the features of the charter that were objectionable to the bank commissioners. Accordingly, the following amendment

was submitted to these parties on Thursday, February 22, 1917.

"Nothing contained in this act shall permit said corporation to transact any business forbidden by chapter 110 of the Laws of 1911, or of chapter 109 of the Laws of 1915. It shall be unlawful for said corporation to issue any shares until the par value of said shares together with a surplus equal to twenty per cent of said par value shall have been paid in in cash."

Five days later, on Tuesday following, February 27, the chairman of the commission was informed that this amendment was satisfactory to the owners of the charter, and that no opposition would be made to its incorporation in House Bill No. 503, which extends its charter.

The next day, Wednesday, February 28, had been set by the bank committee of the Senate for a hearing on this bill. At that hearing the parties who were interested in renewing this charter appeared and asked for a postponement of the hearing for one week, although the day previous they had informed the chairman of the bank commission and the members of the Senate Committee on Banks that the foregoing amendment was satisfactory to them.

The Senate refused a postponement of the hearing, and incorporated the amendment in the bill, adding thereto a further amendment of their own locating the Northern Fidelity & Trust Company in Keene.

House Bill 503 as amended by the Senate takes away all objections to the renewal of this charter, although it is extending its life four years, whereas any new trust company starting under the general law must begin business within one year of the date of the granting of its charter or the charter becomes void.

If no action is taken on the renewal of this charter, its powers and privileges will be in force until May 1, 1917. During this intervening time of nearly two months it can be sold and can be located anywhere in the state except in the counties of Grafton and Coös. Should such an event happen, we would have the anomaly of just one trust com-

pany in the state authorized to do a general banking business, conduct a savings department, and hazard both its banking business and its savings department by becoming surety on official, indemnity and other bonds.

Banking and insurance business have no relation to each other, and they are recognized as separate and apart by the state in placing their supervision under two different departments.

In view of all the circumstances concerning this charter, the powers conferred therein, the fact that it has no definite home, that it has been sold at least twice, and twice purchased to prevent its location, that it can be used as a menace to existing banking institutions, and that the bank commission have as yet been unable to learn to what use it is to be put if its life is extended, we are of the opinion that the only safe course for the legislature now to pursue is to amend it as amended by the Senate Committee on Banks and to limit its extension so that it will become void if not used within one year, as is provided in the case of charters granted under the general law.

Very respectfully,

JAMES O. LYFORD,
Chairman, Bank Commission.

The letter was ordered printed in the Journal of the House and then referred to the Committee on Banks.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 61, An act relating to municipal accounts, and to repeal sections 10, 11 and 12 of chapter 16 of the Public Statutes relating to the state treasurer, and section 15 of chapter 43 of the Public Statutes relating to the choice and duties of town officers.

House Bill No. 119, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to street commission.

House Bill No. 207, An act in amendment of chapter 98, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 138, Laws of 1915, relating to roadside improvement.

House Bill No. 291, An act in amendment of chapter 285 of the Public Statutes relating to the state prison.

House Bill No. 357, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to the board of assessors.

House Bill No. 389, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of garbage precincts, within the limits of said city.

House Bill No. 453, An act making it an offence to ride without right on certain conveyances upon any railroad in this state.

House Bill No. 472, An act providing for the examination and registration of arborists.

House Bill No. 198, An act in amendment of section 16 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of sheriffs for travel in the service of process.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 4, An act in amendment of chapter 125, Laws of 1907, relating to the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children.

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out in the first line of said section the words, "An act," and by inserting in place thereof the words "chapter 125 of the Session Laws of 1907," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 13 of chapter 125 of the Session Laws of 1907, entitled "An act to regulate the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children and to provide for the appointment of

probation officers," by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 13. When any child under the age of seventeen years shall be found to be dependent or neglected within the meaning of this act, the court may make an order committing the child to the care of the state board of charities and correction or to some society or association embracing in its objects the purpose of caring for or obtaining homes for dependent or neglected children, and which has been approved by said board. The expense of the maintenance of such child shall be borne by the county, city or town legally chargeable for its support if it were a public charge, *provided, however*, that such expense for maintenance and care shall be first approved by the county commissioners, or overseers of the poor, of such county, city or town, and such county, city or town shall have a right of action over for such expense against the parent or guardian of such child."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 33, An act relating to building and loan associations.

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Building and loan associations may borrow money to pay off members for matured shares, withdrawal of shares, enforced withdrawals, or for the payment of paidup certificates, not exceeding five per cent of its capital paid in as dues.

SECT. 2. Whenever shares shall mature or become of the value of two hundred dollars each, or when the withdrawal of shares is enforced, the holder thereof may, if he chooses, and at the option of the board of directors, receive a paidup certificate in denomination of two hundred dollars, or multiples thereof, bearing interest at the rate of not to

exceed four and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for such sum as may be left in said association, which interest shall not be allowed to accumulate beyond the time of payment, but shall be paid semi-annually to the holder of such certificates. Paidup certificates issued shall not at any one time exceed twenty per cent of the other assets of the association.

SECT. 3. Any holder of paidup certificates may withdraw his money by giving at least thirty days' notice thereof, but the board of directors of the association may, if necessary, use only one half of the funds in the treasury for that purpose, but shall pay the same off in the order in which notices of withdrawals are received as fast as the funds in the treasury shall permit. Paidup certificates may be paid off at any time at the option of the board of directors.

SECT. 4. No foreign building and loan association shall do business in this state.

SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Jones of Manchester, the House refused to concur in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker announced as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Jones of Manchester, Kendall of Nashua and Kimball of Stratford.

House Bill No. 77, An act amending chapter 177 of the Public Statutes relating to guardians.

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 12, chapter 177, Public Statutes, by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECT. 12. Before a license for sale of real estate shall be granted, the guardian shall take the following oath, before the judge or any justice of the peace, and shall file a certificate thereof in the probate office:

"I, A. B., guardian of C. D., etc., my ward, do solemnly

swear that in disposing of the estate of my ward, for which I have applied for license, I will use my best judgment, and will exert my utmost endeavors that the same shall be sold in such manner as shall be of the greatest advantage to my ward, without any sinister or selfish views whatever."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to reconsider the vote whereby the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill and had voted to concur with an amendment, in the adoption of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 40, An act in amendment of chapter 32, Laws of 1911, relating to the perpetual care of cemetery lots.

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1, chapter 32, Laws of 1911, by striking out the entire section and substituting the following:

"SECTION 1. Executors, administrators and trustees may pay, upon the order of the judge of probate, to cemetery corporations or to cities or towns, in which the testate or intestate have burial places, a reasonable sum of money for the perpetual care of the lot in which the body of their testate or intestate is buried and the monuments thereon. The judge of probate shall determine, after notice to all parties in interest, to whom the same shall be paid and the amount thereof, if any, and such sum shall be allowed in the accounts of such executor, administrator, or trustee."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.

On motion of Mr. Wendell of Dover, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 78, An act amending chapter 4, Session Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of the real estate of persons deceased.

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend chapter 4, Session Laws of 1895, by striking out section 2 and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 2. That the administrator, before a license for sale of real estate at public auction shall be granted, shall take the following oath before the judge, any justice of the peace, or other officer authorized to administer oaths, and shall file a certificate thereof in the probate office. Ido solemnly swear that in disposing of such estate ofdeceased as I may be licensed to sell, I will use my best judgment in fixing and advertising the time and place of sale, and will exert my utmost endeavor that the same shall be sold in such manner as will be of the greatest advantage to the persons interested in said estate, without any sinister or selfish view or motive whatever. So help me, God. Before receiving a license to sell at private sale, the administrator shall take the foregoing oath, omitting the words 'in fixing and advertising the time and place of sale.'"

SECT. 2. Amend chapter 4, Session Laws of 1895, by striking out section 3 and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 3. The administrator, so authorized, having made oath and sold according to the terms of his license, may execute and deliver a valid conveyance of the estate to the purchaser."

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to reconsider the vote whereby they concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill and had voted to concur in the passage of the bill with the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 127, An act to amend chapter 18 of the Laws of 1903 relating to domestic insurance companies.

Amend by striking out all of section 3 and inserting in place thereof two new sections to read as follows:

SECT. 3. Further amend said chapter by renumbering the original section 3 and numbering it section 5, so that said section shall read:

"SECT. 5. This act shall take effect on its passage."

SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of amendments offered by the committee of conference on House Bill No. 26, An act to amend chapter 8 of the Public Statutes relating to the state and other public libraries.

The message further announced that the Senate had passed the following bill and a joint resolution, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 14 (In new draft), An act to provide for

the protection and health of employees in factories, and for the inspection of factories.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution relating to the state gun house at Portsmouth.

SENATE BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 14, An act to provide for the protection and health of employees in factories, and for the inspection of factories.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution relating to the gun house at Portsmouth. Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Connor of Manchester called for the special order, House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles.

The question being on the amendment proposed by the committee,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Woodman of Milford moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Woodman,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Ways and Means.

TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances, and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds, was taken from the table.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

Mr. Challis offered the following amendment:

Amend section 9 by striking out the words "school districts" in the second line thereof and inserting after the word "thereof" in said line, the words "excepting school districts," so that said section shall read:

"SECT. 9. The fiscal year of towns, village precincts and departments thereof, excepting school districts, shall end on the thirty-first day of January."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Clough of Alton,—

Resolved, By the House of Representatives, the Honorable Senate concurring, That a committee of three, two from the House and one from the Honorable Senate, be appointed to meet Ambassador Naon arriving in Concord tomorrow, Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, to escort the Honorable gentleman to the Executive chambers at the State House.

The Speaker appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Clough of Alton and Badger of Portsmouth.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 1.07 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 506, An act relating to election of county officers for Strafford county.

House Bill No. 432, An act to require the reporting of industrial accidents and occupational diseases.

House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 46, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to acquire and hold real estate to the value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 3.07 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Gilson of Charlestown was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Ready of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the morning session on account of important business.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Eastman of Weare, Petition of Willard P. Robinson and other citizens of East Weare, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, Petition of Mascoma Valley Pomona Grange of Lebanon, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Buxton of Salem, Petition of Pleasant Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Salem, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Battles of Newton, Petition of First Christian Church of Newton, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Poole of Conway, Petition of Methodist Episcopal Church of Conway Center, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Dimmock of Sandown, Petition of H. M. Kelley and sixteen other citizens of Sandown, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Dimmock of Sandown, Petition of the Methodist congregation of Sandown, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Gilson of Charlestown, Petition of Congregational Church of Charlestown, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 207, An act in amendment of chapter 98, Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 138, Laws of 1915, relating to roadside improvement.

House Bill No. 231, An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing

cocaine," as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 36, An act to make uniform the law of bill of lading, reported the same under Joint Rule 6 with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the amendment be adopted:

Amend sub-divisions (a) and (b) of section 40 by striking out the word "seller" in the second line of said sub-division (a) and inserting in place thereof the word "buyer," and by striking out the word "buyer" in the second line of said sub-division (b) and inserting in place thereof the word "seller," so that said sub-divisions (a) and (b) as thus amended will read as follows:

"(a) Where by the bill the goods are deliverable to the buyer or to his agent, or to the order of the buyer or of his agent, the consignor thereby transfers the property in the goods to the buyer.

"(b) Where by the bill the goods are deliverable to the seller or to his agent, or to the order of the seller or of his agent, the seller thereby reserves the property in the goods. But if, except for the form of the bill, the property would have passed to the buyer on shipment of the goods, the seller's property in the goods shall be deemed to be only for the purpose of securing performance by the buyer of his obligations under the contract."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Spaulding of Keene, for the Committee on Agricultural College, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 83, Joint resolution appropriating money for the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, reported the same with the following

amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend line 1 by changing \$231,156.32 to \$213,156.32 so that said resolution shall read as follows:

That the sum of \$213,156.32 and the same hereby is appropriated for the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts, said appropriation to be expended as follows:

"\$100,000 of said appropriation is to be expended for the erection and equipment of a Commons.

"\$50,000 for the year 1917-18 and for the year 1918-19 for current college expenses.

"\$5,689.22 for the year 1917-18 and

"\$7,467.10 for the year 1918-19 for co-operative agricultural extension work under the provision of the Smith-Lever Act.

"And the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for such sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the first reading of all new bills and bills in new drafts by their titles made in order.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 538, An act reviving and continuing the charter of the Warner and Kearsarge Road company and amendments to said charter, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Incorporations.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Incorporations.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 539, An act to change the name of the Sanbornton Baptist association as established by the Laws of 1803, and amended

by the Laws of 1807, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 540, An act to change the name of the First Congregational society in New Chester as established by chapter 64, Laws of 1816, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 541, An act in amendment of chapter 188 of the Laws of 1905, entitled "An act authorizing the town of Gorham to establish water-works and sewers," with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 542, An act to provide for absent voting by the New Hampshire National Guard and volunteers while in the military service of the state or federal government, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 543, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 168 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the bureau of labor, with the recom-

mendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 232 (In Senate new draft), An act to license junk dealers and to regulate the conduct of their business, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 25, An act establishing a standard of weights and measures, reported the same with the following amendments and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by striking out the words "appropriated by the legislature" and by inserting in place thereof the words "necessary to carry out the provisions of this act to be withdrawn from the treasury upon warrant of the governor," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. There shall be a state commissioner of weights and measures, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council. Such commissioner shall be appointed for a term of five years, and shall receive a salary of \$2,500 a year. There shall be not exceeding three inspectors of weights and measures, who shall be appointed by the commissioner with the advice and consent of the governor and council. The commissioner of weights and measures shall be allowed for salaries for inspectors of weights and measures, clerical services, traveling and contingent expenses for himself and inspectors, such sums as shall be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act to be withdrawn from the treasury upon warrant of the governor."

Amend the first sentence in section 6 by adding at the

end thereof the following words: "and other cities and towns may establish and maintain a sealer of weights and measures," so that said sentence shall read as follows:

"There shall be a city sealer of weights and measures in cities of not less than 10,000 population, according to the latest official state or United States census, to be appointed by the mayor, by and with the consent and advice of the city council, and other cities and towns may establish and maintain a sealer of weights and measures."

Amend section 11 by adding after the word "measure" in line 35 of the printed bill a new sentence as follows: "The proprietor or proprietors of any store, street-stand or other mercantile establishment, where articles named in this section are sold or kept for sale, shall post conspicuously, in a place as ordered by the state commissioner and where patrons may easily read the same, a printed notice to be furnished by the said commissioner, containing the foregoing part of this section and such other information as said commissioner may deem advisable"; and by adding after the word "measure" in line 39 of the printed bill the words "or fail to keep posted the notice hereinbefore provided," so that said section 11 as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 11. In proceedings under section 7 of this act for false or insufficient weights or measures in connection with the sale of any article hereinbefore mentioned, the following weights and provisions shall govern: Except where the parties shall expressly agree to sale by some other standard than by weight, a bushel shall contain the number of pounds as hereinafter set forth: Apples, 48; dried apples, 25; beets, 60; small white beans, 60; soy beans (*glycine hispida*), 58; barley, 48; bran, 20; buckwheat, 48; Indian corn, 56; corn meal, 50; cracked corn, 50; cranberries, 32; carrots, 50; clover seed, 60; flaxseed, 56; herds grass or timothy seed, 45; Japanese barnyard millet (*P. crusgalli*), 35; lime, 70; oats, 32; onions, 52; pears, 58; peaches, 48; dried peaches, 33; peas, 60; parsnips, 45; roasted peanuts, 20; green peanuts, 22; Irish potatoes, 60; sweet potatoes, 54; quinces,

48; rye, 56; rye meal, 50; coarse salt, 70; fine salt, 50; shorts, 20; tomatoes, 56; turnips, 55; wheat, 60; and for fractional parts of a bushel like fractional parts of above weights shall be required. All fruits, nuts and vegetables, if sold by measure, shall be sold by dry measure, United States standard. Commodities, the individual units of which are determined by the commissioner as large in size, shall be measured by heaping measures, that is, the measure shall be heaped up in the form of a cone, the outside rim of the measure to be the base of the cone and the cone to be as high as the commodity will admit; other commodities shall be measured by struck or level measure. Baskets or other receptacles holding one quart or less, which are used in the sale of strawberries, blackberries, cherries, currants, blueberries, huckleberries, raspberries or gooseberries shall be of the capacity of one quart, one pint, or half-pint, United States standard dry measure. The proprietor or proprietors of any store, street-stand or other mercantile establishment, where articles named in this section are sold or kept for sale, shall post conspicuously, in a place as ordered by the state commissioner and where patrons may easily read the same, a printed notice to be furnished by the said commissioner, containing the foregoing part of this section and such other information as said commissioner may deem advisable. Whoever sells or offers for sale or has in possession with intent to sell, any of the aforesaid fruit in any basket or other receptacle holding one quart or less which does not conform to said standard, or conforming to said standard is not at least level measure, or fail to keep posted the notice hereinbefore provided, shall be punished as provided in said section 7. Said baskets or other receptacles shall not be required to be tested and sealed as provided by chapter 125, Public Statutes, but any sealer or health officer may test the capacity of any basket or other receptacle in which any of the aforesaid fruit is sold or intended to be sold; and if the same is found to contain less than the standard measure, or if the quantity of such fruit is otherwise less than as herein provided, he

shall seize the same and make complaint against the vendor."

Amend section 12 by striking out the words "article of food or merchandise" in lines 2 and 3 of the printed bill; by striking out the words "National Bureau of Standards" and by inserting in place thereof the words "Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce and Labor"; and by adding at the end thereof the words "and *provided* that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of food in package form," so that said section 12 as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 12. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any commodity in package form unless the contents thereof is expressed in terms of net weight, measure or numerical count in a conspicuous place on the outside of the package, in a plainly printed statement, in large type. *Provided, however,* that reasonable variations or tolerances shall be permitted, and that these reasonable variations or tolerances and also exemptions as to small packages shall be established by rules and regulations made by the commissioner of weights and measures after consultation with and with the advice of the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce and Labor. *Provided, however,* that the above provision shall not apply to packages on hand or which have been specifically contracted for by any retailer at the time this act takes effect. And *provided* that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the sale of food in package form."

Amend section 14 by adding the words "or coke" after the word "coal" wherever it occurs in said section, so that said section shall read as follows:

"SECT. 14. It shall be unlawful to sell or offer to sell in the state any coal or coke in any other manner than by weight, except by agreement of the parties to the contrary. No person, persons, firm, or corporation shall deliver any coal or coke without such delivery being accompanied by delivery ticket and a duplicate thereof, on each of which shall be in ink or other indelible substance, distinctly ex-

pressed in pounds, the gross weight of the load, the tare of the delivery vehicle, and the quantity or quantities of coal or coke contained in the cart, wagon, or other vehicle used in such deliveries, with the name of the dealer from whom purchased, and the party to whom it is to be delivered. One of these tickets shall be surrendered to the sealer of weights and measures upon his demand for his inspection, and this ticket or weight slip issued by the sealer when the sealer desires to retain the original shall be delivered to the said purchaser of said coal or coke or his agent or representative at the time of the delivery of the fuel; and the other ticket shall be retained by the seller of the fuel. When the buyer carries away the purchase, a delivery ticket showing the actual number of pounds delivered over to the purchaser must be given to the purchaser at the time the sale is made."

Amend section 15 by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 15. To each loaf of bread baked and kept for the purpose of sale, offered or exposed for sale, or sold in the state, shall be attached a label, wrapper or stamp plainly showing its weight and the name of the manufacturer thereof, the size of stamp and type used to be specified by the state commissioner of weights and measures. It shall be unlawful for any person to make for sale, sell, offer to sell, or procure to be sold, any bread other than such as shall be in accordance with the provisions of this section."

Amend section 19 by striking it out and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 19. Sections 1 and 2 of chapter 126 of the Public Statutes and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, the reading of the amendments was dispensed with.

The question being on the amendments,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the amendments were adopted.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 344 (In new draft and new title), An act to license and regulate the business of making loans in sums of three hundred dollars or less, at a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, prescribing the rate of interest and charge therefor, and penalties for the violation thereof, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the fourth sentence in section 1 by inserting before the word "bond" in line 21 of the printed bill the words "surety company" and by striking out the words "with one or more sureties," so that said sentence as amended shall read as follows:

"The applicant shall also, at the same time, file with the board of bank commissioners a surety company bond in which the applicant shall be the obligor, in the sum of one thousand dollars to be approved by said board which bond shall run to the people of the state of New Hampshire for the use of the state and of any person, or persons who may have a cause of action against the obligor of said bond under the provisions of this act, and shall be conditioned that said obligor will conform to and abide by each and every provision of this act and will pay to the state and to any such person or persons, any and all moneys that may become due or owing to the state and to such person or persons, from said obligor, under and by virtue of the provisions of this act."

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 2. Every person, co-partnership and corporation licensed hereunder may loan any sum of money, goods or things of value not exceeding in amount or value the sum of three hundred dollars and may charge, contract for

and receive thereon interest at a rate not to exceed three per cent per month.

"Interest shall not be payable in advance or compounded and shall be computed on unpaid balances. In addition to the interest herein provided for, charges may be made as follows: On loans not exceeding fifty dollars in amount, an inspection fee of one dollar may be collected at the time the loan is made, and on loans exceeding fifty dollars in amount, but not exceeding three hundred dollars, an inspection fee of two dollars may be collected at the time the loan is made, *provided, however,* that such inspection fees shall not be collected from the borrower for any new or additional loan, renewal or extension of the loan, unless at the time of making such new or additional loan, renewal or extension, a period of at least four months shall have elapsed from the time of making the previous charge for investigation. No charge or inspection fee shall be imposed unless the loan is actually made and no such fee shall be charged on any loan less than fifteen dollars. No charge, or amount whatsoever for any examination, service, brokerage, commission or other thing, or otherwise, shall be directly or indirectly charged, contracted for or received, except as hereinbefore provided, and except the lawful fees, if any, actually and necessarily paid out by the licensee to any public officer, for filing, or recording in any public office, any instrument securing the loan, which fees may be collected when the loan is made, or at any time thereafter.

"If interest, or charges in excess of those permitted by this act shall be charged, contracted for, or received, the contract of loan shall be void and the licensee shall have no right to collect, or receive any principal, interest or charges whatsoever.

"No person shall owe any licensee at any time more than three hundred dollars for principal."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 544, An

act to legalize the town election of the town of Chatham held March 14th, 1916, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 545, An act for the preservation of the forests, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 546, An act requiring applicants for registration of motor vehicles to file bonds, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 547, An act authorizing the town of Littleton to exempt from local taxation new buildings and machinery to be erected and installed by the Saranac Glove company, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 289, An act in amendment of chapter 76 of the Laws of 1897, entitled "An act in relation to hawkers and peddlers," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 69, An act in amendment of chapter 185 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 117 of the Laws of 1915, being "An act relating to the inspection and licensing of boats, and the examination and licensing of their captains, masters, engineers and pilots," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 273, An act licensing hawkers and peddlers of foreign or domestic fruits or vegetables in the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 22, Joint resolution for the repair of the Sandwich Notch and Dale road in the town of Sandwich, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 30, Joint resolution providing for an appropriation for a highway leading through Plaistow, from Atkinson town line to Massachusetts state line, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 88, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvement and maintenance of state highway leading from Little Diamond pond to Big Diamond pond, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend line 1 in printed resolution by striking out the words "five hundred" and inserting in place thereof the words "two hundred and fifty," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the permanent improvement and maintenance of the state highway leading from Little Diamond pond to Big Diamond pond, both in the town of Stewartstown, for the year 1917, and a like sum for the year 1918, the same to be expended under the direction of the governor and council; and the said sums shall be a charge upon the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways made by section 10, chapter 35, Laws of 1905."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 20, An act in amendment of section 11 of chapter 55 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 166 of the Laws of 1909, relating to tax exemptions, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 38, An act to prevent discrimination at places of public accommodation, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 467, An act to provide a method of voting at any election by electors in the actual military service of the United States or others, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 334, An act to provide for voting at biennial elections and the primaries thereof by electors when absent from the county wherein they are entitled to vote, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 307, An act to provide for absent voting at biennial elections, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 14, An act to provide a method by which members of the New Hampshire National Guard may vote, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 252, An act to regulate the assignment of wages, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 434, An act to regulate jitneys, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 409, An act in amendment of chapter 153, Laws of 1909, relating to the nomination of party candidates by direct primary, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 6, An act to regulate the making of loans on personal property, collateral security, or wages, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 524, An act relating to pupils' tickets, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 378,

An act to amend section 27, chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 272, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 126 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 32, Laws of 1901, relating to the weight of loaves of bread, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 102, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by a committee bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 359, An act to provide for the licensing and regulation of public automobiles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by a committee bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 131, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by a committee bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 104, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by a committee bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 22, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by a committee bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Carr of Dover, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover, to whom was referred House Bill No. 184, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover, relative to the treasurer of the school board for said city, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Carr of Dover, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Dover, to whom was referred House Bill No. 419, An act to amend section 23 of the charter of the city of Dover, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

The undersigned, the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 65, An act establishing a fire commis-

sion for the city of Manchester, report the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

UBALD HEBART.	HENRY W. BOUTWELL.
THEODORE GRAF.	CHARLES MIVILLE.
W. B. MCKAY.	CHARLES W. BAILEY.
TOM W. ROBINSON.	WILLIAM A. BURLINGAME.
HARRY E. COLE.	ROBERT BUNTON.
FRANK A. DOCKHAM.	BAYARD C. RYDER.
R. E. HALL.	GEORGE PROVOST.
G. ALLEN PUTNAM.	C. A. NEWELL.
H. B. FAIRBANKS.	D. F. SCANNELL.
JAMES M. NELSON.	R. E. WHEELER.
HENRY F. BERRY.	J. H. BARTLETT.
HARRY C. JONES.	JAMES A. SAYERS.
SAMUEL F. DAVIS.	FRANK G. LIZOTTE.
CARL A. PETERSON.	GEORGE E. PRIME.
E. G. LIBBEY.	CHARLES G. DUNNINGTON.
WILLIAM E. SMITH.	C. E. CROSBY.
C. M. WOODBURY.	T. RAICHE.
A. GRENIER.	

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 65, An act establishing a fire commission for the city of Manchester, being unable to agree with the majority of the committee, report the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

FRANK H. CHALLIS.	RENE JANELLE.
FERDINAND FARLEY.	JOHN D. CRAWFORD.
MICHAEL T. SULLIVAN.	JOHN H. RICE.
MARTIN L. MAHONEY.	ALBERT J. PARENT.
JAMES H. COLLINS.	JOHN S. BARRY.
JOHN F. KELLEY.	JOHN M. READY.
JAMES L. GLYNN.	A. E. WIGGIN.
DANIEL J. MCCARTHY.	MAURICE J. CONNOR.
MICHAEL S. DONNELLY.	PETER E. HARLAN.
OMER JANELLE.	RICHARD H. HORAN.

Mr. Challis of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority, and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, March 15, at 11.01 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund.

House Bill No. 533, An act to reorganize the government of the town of Claremont and for other purposes.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Shute of Exeter called for the special order, House Bill No. 261, An act for the extension of suffrage to women in certain cases.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass?

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.50 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 40 minutes.

(After recess.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 261, An act for the extension of suffrage to women in certain cases, was resumed.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Duffy of Franklin moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass?

Mr. Duffy of Franklin demanded the yeas and nays, and the roll was called with the following result:

YEAS, 205.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Sawyer of Atkinson, Smith of Brentwood, Wheeler of Derry, Bell of Exeter, Leighton, Nowell, Shute, Bassett, Batchelder, Parker, Greeley, Battles, Towle, Hill, Pender, Buxton, Haigh, Bailey of Windham.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—Carr, Marshall, Wesley, Thomas of Farmington, Chamberlain, Meader, Bilodeau, Maxfield, Horne of Rochester, Philpott, Lucey, Perron.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Whitney, Morrill of Center Harbor, Sanborn of Gilford, Lowe of Laconia, Seaverns, Pearson, Sanborn of Laconia, Munsey, Whitten, Page of Tilton, Tilton of Tilton.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Stillings, Carter, Pollard, Poole, White of Eaton, Thompson of Jackson, French of Moultonborough, Hodsdon, Blanchard, Smith of Tamworth, Thomas of Tuftonborough, Goodwin, Libby of Wolfeboro.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Allenstown, Sanborn of Chichester, Curtis, Evans, Leach, Wright of Concord, Dole of Concord, Taylor, Beane, Holbrook, Lee, Gannon, Dean, Proulx, Duffy, Fellows, Lear, Adams, Freneau, Cutler, Sanborn of Salisbury, Hook.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Eaton, Corey, Stevens, Gordon of Goffstown, Hopkins, Ellinwood, Childs, Gay, Stratton, Brown of Hudson, Tarbell, Cole of Manchester, Ryder, Wheeler of Manchester, Berry of Manchester, Boutwell, Libby of Manchester, Prime, Smith of Manchester, Challis, Crosby, Fairbanks of Manchester, Woodbury of Manchester, Connor of Manchester, Bunton, Dunnington, Wiggin,

Parent, Bailey of Manchester, Burlingame, Davis of Manchester, McKay, Sayers, Graf, Jones, Newell, Scannell, Grenier, Janelle of Ward 12, Manchester, Lizotte, Provost, Farley, Hebert, Janelle of Ward 13, Manchester, Miville, Raiche, Whitaker, Haseltine of Merrimack, Gleason, Shattuck, Wheeler of Nashua, Peppin, Richard, Riendeau, Sullivan of Ward 5, Nashua, Sullivan of Ward 6, Nashua, Morse, Burns of Nashua, Hargreaves, Ravenelle, DeLacombe, Gaudreau of Nashua, Larouche, Soucy, Marden, Brennan, Walbridge, Abbott of Wilton.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Metcalf, Randall, Damon, Symonds, Robertson, Perry, Warren, Wellman, Rice of Keene, Tuttle, Spaulding, Davis of Marlow, Conway, Landers, Lane, Whitman, Qualters.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Gilson, Chandler, Noyes, Thomas of Claremont, Smart of Goshen, Mousley, Angell, Dodge of Newport, Fairbanks of Newport, Gardner.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Abbott of Bath, Shaw, Laffee, Butler, Webster, French of Lebanon, Hough, Moore, Kinne, Eastman of Orange, Stanley, Bell of Plymouth, Hazeltine of Thornton, Sawyer of Woodstock.

COÖS COUNTY.—Aubin, Babson, Dupont, Gonya, Burbank, Lambert, Letourneau, Finley, Trask, Brown of Dalton, George, McHugh, Congdon, Truland, Woods of Milan, Boucher, McFarland, Brooks.

NAYS, 152.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Griffin, Gillingham, Horne of Derry, Richardson of Derry, Stackhouse, Emerson of Hampstead, Walton, Pridham, Marston, McDaniel of Nottingham, Bartlett of Portsmouth, Wood of Portsmouth, Badger, Berry of Rye, Dimmock, Foote, Barnard.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—McDaniel of Barrington, Bennett, Wendell, Foss, McFayden, Smart of Dover, Davis of Durham, Davis of Lee, Emerson of Madbury, Cole of Rochester, Sampson, Cater.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Clough of Alton, Cotton, Page of

Gilmanton, Johnson, Leavitt of Meredith, Torsey, Wright of Sanbornton.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Leavitt of Effingham, Merrow, Gilman, Rogers of Wakefield.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Andover, Hubbard of Boscawen, Clough of Bow, Corrigan, Glines, Hoyt of Concord, Keenan, Murchie, Couch, Clough of Concord, Winant, Ahern, Burnham, Towle of Epsom, Dana, Cunningham, Balch, Kelley of Hill, Lawrence, Gould of Hopkinton, Jenkins, Smith of Northfield, Georgi, Bartlett of Pittsfield, Davis of Sutton, Colby, Thompson of Wilmot.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Lewis, French of Bedford, Smith of Deering, Bartlett of Goffstown, Putnam, Peterson, Dockham, Collins of Manchester, Glynn, Harlan, Kelley of Manchester, McCarthy of Manchester, Bartlett of Manchester, Nelson, Ready, Mahoney, Sullivan of Manchester, Donnelly, Rice of Manchester, Barry, Roukey, Kendall of Milford, Mallalieu, Woodman, Kendall of Nashua, Foisie, Powell, Gordon of New Ipswich, Woodbury of Pelham, Eastman of Weare.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Mason of Dublin, Banks, Boynton, Townsend, Callahan, Kimball of Marlborough, Rice of Rindge, Mason of Troy, Willard.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Clark of Acworth, Bugbee, Gould of Claremont, Rossiter, Beaman, Gross, Nichols, Rogers of Plainfield, Philbrick, Reed, Dole of Washington.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Gray of Alexandria, Baker, Conner of Bristol, Robie, Sanborn of Franconia, Barney, Goodboo, Emerson of Hanover, Hoyt of Hanover, Keyser, Allen, Collins of Lebanon, Haskell, Alton, Moulton, Cummings, Richardson of Littleton, Birch, Barnes, Morrison, Brogan, Kidder, Little, Bradeen.

COÖS COUNTY.—Bergquist, Burns of Carroll, Gray of Columbia, Eastman of Jefferson, Bailey of Lancaster, Merrill, Lowe of Randolph, Philbrook, Cole of Stark, Kimball of Stratford, Snow.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, voting yes, was paired with Mr. Gagne of Somersworth, voting no.

Mr. Holmes of Greenland, voting yes, was paired with Mr. French of Nashua, voting no.

Mr. Mathes of Newmarket, voting yes, was paired with Mr. Stewart of Manchester, voting no.

Mr. Turcotte of Newmarket, voting yes, was paired with Mr. Shaughnessey of Manchester, voting no.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, voting yes, was paired with Mr. Jacques of Somersworth, voting no.

Mr. Soule of Portsmouth, voting no, was paired with Mr. Boisvert of Greenville, voting yes.

Mr. Casey of Portsmouth, voting yes, was paired with Mr. Downes of Portsmouth, voting no.

Mr. Reilly of Dover, voting yes, was paired with Mr. Tebbitts of Rochester, voting no.

Mr. McIntosh of Dover, voting yes, was paired with Mr. Hubbard of Rochester, voting no.

Mr. Murphy of Rollinsford, voting no, was paired with Mr. Gaudreau of Somersworth, voting yes.

Mr. Hall of Manchester, voting yes, was paired with Mr. Horan of Manchester, voting no.

and the motion to substitute prevailed.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 4.25 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

(Mr. Childs of Hillsborough in the chair.)

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 69, An act in amendment of chapter 185 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 117 of the Laws of 1915, being "An act relating to the inspection and licensing of boats, and the examination and licensing of their captains, masters, engineers and pilots."

House Bill No. 289, An act in amendment of chapter 76 of the Laws of 1897, entitled "An act in relation to hawkers and peddlers."

House Bill No. 344, An act to license and regulate the business of making loans in sums of three hundred dollars or less, at a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, prescribing the rate of interest and charge therefor, and penalties for the violation thereof.

House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund.

House Bill No. 533, An act to reorganize the government of the town of Claremont and for other purposes.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 232 (In Senate new draft), An act to license junk dealers and to regulate the conduct of their business.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 71, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission."

House Bill No. 90 (In new draft), An act to amend chapter 6 of the Public Statutes relating to the public printer and public printing.

House Bill No. 173, An act to extend the charter of the Monroe Boom company.

House Bill No. 263, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 206 of the Laws of 1897, being "An act to incorporate the Bethlehem Electric Light company."

House Bill No. 383, An act in addition to and in amendment of the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers on the board of fire commissioners of said city, in certain cases.

House Bill No. 435, An act to amend the charter of the trustees of the Dow fund and donations to the Methodist Episcopal society in Salem, of 1826.

House Bill No. 499, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 241 of the Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Laconia."

House Bill No. 500, An act relating to vacancies in the office of judge of probate.

House Bill No. 504, An act to amend section 2 of chapter 169 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to prevent corrupt practices at elections, and to regulate expenditures for political purposes and provide for the publicity thereof."

House Bill No. 505, An act in amendment of sections 2, 3, 4 and 6 of chapter 308, Session Laws of 1909, entitled "An act to incorporate the Conway Electric Light and Power company of Conway."

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on House Bill No. 33, An act relating to building and loan associations, and the President had appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Collins and Page.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Honorable Senate concurring, That a committee of three, two from the House and one from the Honorable Senate, be appointed to meet Ambassador Naon, arriving in Concord tomorrow,

Wednesday morning, at nine o'clock, to escort the honorable gentleman to the Executive chambers at the State House.

And the President has appointed as the member of the committee on the part of the Senate, Senator Collins.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 4.38 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Winant of Concord, Hough of Lebanon and Thomas of Farmington were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Thompson of Wilmot was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of a death in his family.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, Petition of the Methodist Episcopal Conference representing 120 churches, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, Petition of the Methodist Church of Derry; Mothers & Teachers Club of Concord; Methodist Sunday School of Epping; Methodist Sunday School of Chichester, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, Petition of Boy Scouts of Dover; Boy Scouts of Nashua; Advent Church of Whitefield; Advent Church of Northwood; Loyal Workers of Northwood; Young People's W. C. T. U. of Northwood; Women's Missionary Society of Northwood; Willing Workers of Northwood; Women's Christian Union of Epping; Christian Endeavor Society of Webster; Federation of Women's

Societies of Concord, and Mechanics Lodge L. O. G. T. of Weare, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petitions of the Baptist Bible Schools of Ashland, Troy, Derry, Salem, Manchester People's, Brentwood, Gonic, Chester, and Hampton, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petitions of the Miller Grange of Temple, Strawberry Bank Grange of Portsmouth, Blackwater Grange of Andover, Enterprise Grange of Salem Depot, Lower Intervale Grange of Plymouth, Spofford Grange of West Chesterfield, West Thornton Grange of Thornton, Chichester Grange of Chichester, Lafayette Grange of Franconia, Peaked Hill Grange of Gilmanton, Monroe Grange of Monroe, Unity Grange of Unity, Hampstead Grange of Hampstead, Union Pomona Grange of Hillsborough County, and East Rockingham Pomona Grange of Exeter, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 173, An act to extend the charter of the Monroe Boom company.

House Bill No. 357, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to the board of assessors.

House Bill No. 392, An act in amendment of the charter of Nashua.

The report was accepted.

The Committee of Conference, to whom was referred House Bill No. 33, An act relating to building and loan associations, recommend that the House recede from its position of non-concurrence in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate, and concur in the amendment, with the following amendment:

Amend the amendment as proposed by the Honorable Senate by inserting in section 1 in line 2 of said section after the word "shares" the words "for making loans," so that said amendment as amended shall read as follows:

"Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Building and loan associations may borrow money to pay off members for matured shares, for making loans, withdrawal of shares, enforced withdrawals, or for the payment of paidup certificates, not exceeding five per cent of its capital paid in as dues.

"SECT. 2. Whenever shares shall mature or become of the value of two hundred dollars each, or when the withdrawal of shares is enforced, the holder thereof may, if he chooses, and at the option of the board of directors, receive a paidup certificate in denomination of two hundred dollars, or multiples thereof, bearing interest at the rate of not to exceed four and one-half per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, for such sum as may be left in said association, which interest shall not be allowed to accumulate beyond the time of payment, but shall be paid semi-annually to the holder of such certificates. Paidup certificates issued shall not at any one time exceed twenty per cent of the other assets of the association.

"SECT. 3. Any holder of paidup certificates may withdraw his money by giving at least thirty days' notice thereof, but the board of directors of the association may, if necessary, use only one half of the funds in the treasury for that purpose, but shall pay the same off in the order in which notices of withdrawals are received as fast as the funds in the treasury shall permit. Paidup certificates may be paid off at any time at the option of the board of directors.

"SECT. 4. No foreign building and loan association shall do business in this state.

"SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage."

The Committee on Conference further recommend that the Honorable Senate adopt the amendment as proposed by the Committee of Conference.

HARRY C. JONES,
HERBERT E. KENDALL,
W. H. KIMBALL,

Conferees on the part of the House.

C. M. COLLINS,
CALVIN PAGE,

Conferees on the part of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the report of the Committee of Conference was adopted.

The bill was then sent to the Senate for concurrence in the report.

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 23, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the Effingham Falls and Lord's Hill highway, situated in town of Effingham, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said joint resolution by striking out the word "fifteen" in the first and second lines thereof, and writing in place thereof "seven hundred and fifty," so that said resolution will read as follows:—

"That the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars for the year 1917 and seven hundred and fifty dollars for the year 1918, be and is hereby appropriated, on condition that like sums shall be appropriated and added by the town of Effingham or by local parties acting jointly or severally, for the repair and improvement of the Effingham Falls and Lord's Hill highway in the town of Effingham, beginning at the large bridge in Effingham Falls and extending southeasterly to Lord's hill about three miles. The said sums appropriated by the state and the said sums contributed or added, shall be expended under the direction of

the commissioner of highways, and the said sums appropriated by the state shall be a charge upon the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways made by section 10, chapter 35, Laws of 1905, and this joint resolution shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Dole of Concord, the rules were suspended and the first reading of new bills and bills in new drafts made in order by their titles.

Mr. Dole of Concord, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 519, An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 528, An act to change the name and to amend the charter of the Citizens Institution for Savings of Nashua, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 490, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1907, and in amendment of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1911, and all amendments thereto and relating to the taxation of savings banks, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Dole of Concord, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 311, An act to protect the public against the sale of worthless stocks and bonds, reported the same in a new draft with a new title, and with

the recommendation that the bill in its new draft and with its new title ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 137, An act in amendment of chapter 163, Laws of 1915, relating to the reforestation of waste land, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 48, An act to authorize the stockholders of the Rochester Loan and Banking company to change the name of said institution to the Rochester Trust company, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out the word "the" before the words "Rochester Trust company" in the first section, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The stockholders of the Rochester Loan and Banking company at any meeting where legal notice has been given that the matter would be considered may, by majority stock vote of the shares represented, vote to change the name of said company to 'Rochester Trust company' and by a similar majority stock vote the stockholders may delegate to the directors of said institution the power to decide by majority vote of the board the date when the change of name shall take effect; *provided, however,* the change of name shall not take effect until copies

of said stockholders' and directors' votes duly certified by the clerk of the company and board of directors have been filed with the secretary of state."

Amend the title of said bill by striking out the word "the" before the words "Rochester Trust company," so that said title as amended shall read as follows:

"An act to authorize the stockholders of the Rochester Loan and Banking company to change the name of said institution to Rochester Trust company."

Also amend said bill by adding a new section as follows:

"SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 526, An act to amend chapter 196 of the Laws of 1899, entitled "An act to amend chapter 204 of the Laws of 1887, relating to the powers of the Woodsville Fire district," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 529, An act to authorize cities and towns to pension policemen and firemen, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilman of Madison, for the Committee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor"; and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Scannell of Manchester, for a minority of the Com-

mittee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor"; and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use, being unable to agree with the majority, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

Mr. Scannell of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority, and, with that motion pending, moved that the bill and reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, March 21, at 11.01 o'clock.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 37, An act to prevent the pollution of the water in Loon pond in the town of Hillsborough, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 97, An act to prevent the sale of diseased meat slaughtered within the state, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 83, An act to establish and construct a state highway to be known as the New Hampshire College boulevard, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 8 and renumber section 9 so that it shall be section 8.

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 548, An act relating to examiners of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 227, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Moosilauke road with the West Side road and extend the same to the Vermont state line at Orford, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "and extend the same from the West Side road through Bridge street, so called, in said Orford, to the Vermont state line," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The state highway department shall forthwith designate for improvement by suitable description a continuous highway from a point on the Moosilauke road in the town of Wentworth, to the West Side road in Orford. Starting at the guide board on said state highway in said Wentworth and going through said Wentworth and said Orford past Baker's ponds, so called, and through Orfordville, so called, in said Orford to the Vermont state line. Said highway shall be known as the Baker's Pond road."

Further amend said bill by striking out the whole of section 9 and renumber section 10 so that it shall be section 9.

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 549, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905, and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 10, An act relative to state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution appointing a commission to act with a similar commission from the state of Maine to recommend to the legislature of 1919 a definite proposition for an interstate highway or free bridge between Portsmouth, N. H., and Kittery, Maine, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 24, Joint resolution providing for freeing the Hampton River bridge, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Poole of Conway, for the Committee on Ways and

Means, to whom was referred House Bill No. 266, An act to provide for the expenditure of funds received by the state from the national forest, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 7, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the industrial school, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 321, An act providing for the teaching of parents and guardians for the necessity of the manner of instructing the children in the subject of sex hygiene, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

On motion of Mr. Alton of Lincoln, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Public Health.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 335, An act to amend chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross state highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 287, An act to establish and construct a state highway, leading

from the South Side boulevard in Alstead through Langdon to the Connecticut River road in Charlestown, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 401, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Suncook and Ossipee road with the Meredith and West Ossipee road, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 257, An act to amend the charter of the city of Manchester to provide a salary for the board of aldermen, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1, line 3, by striking out the word "three" and inserting in place thereof the word "two," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The members of the board of aldermen of the city of Manchester shall be paid in full for all time and services the sum of two hundred dollars per year, payable quarterly."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Couch of Concord asked unanimous consent to present a report from a committee which had not previously been advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Couch of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 550, An act relative to mortgages to secure future obligations,

and in amendment of chapters 139 and 140 of the Public Statutes, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin,—

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations be requested to submit to this House a compilation of the expenses of maintaining the state highway department and of the monies appropriated for all state highways for each of the last eight years, nineteen hundred and nine to nineteen hundred and sixteen, inclusive, and that similar figures so far as obtainable by him for the same length of time be submitted by him for all state departments and institutions not mentioned in the report submitted to this House in accordance with the resolution adopted January 23, 1917.

Be it further resolved, That this same gentleman be requested to embody in his report the total amount of taxable property assessed each of the said years for state taxes, the amount of taxes paid, and the rate of taxation thereon.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Ahern of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 457, An act to abolish capital punishment.

The question being on the resolution reported from the Committee on Judiciary that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, March 14, at 11.01 o'clock.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, that when the

House then adjourns it be to meet on Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock, and that when the House adjourns on Monday evening it be to meet on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 148, An act to increase the power of the trustees of Atkinson academy, relating to the funds held by them in connection with any estate, real or personal.

House Bill No. 298, An act in amendment of chapter 40, section 4, Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 146 of the Laws of 1911, empowering cities and towns to provide playgrounds and neighborhood centers.

House Bill No. 520, An act to amend section 14 of chapter 169 of the Public Statutes relating to the taxation of foreign insurances companies.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 49, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 77, Laws of 1909, authorizing towns to raise money for patriotic observances.

House Bill No. 151, An act relating to town lands of the town of Wentworth.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill, with amendments, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 503, An act to extend the charter of the Northern Fidelity and Trust company.

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "four years" in the third and fourth lines and insert in place thereof the words "one year."

Further amend the bill by adding at the end of section 1 the following: "Nothing contained in this act shall permit said corporation to transact any business forbidden by chapter 120 of the Laws of 1911, or of chapter 109 of the Laws of 1915. It shall be unlawful for said corporation to issue any shares of stock until the par value of said shares together with a surplus equal to twenty per cent of said par value shall have been paid in in cash. Said corporation shall be located in Keene," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The Northern Fidelity and Trust company, a corporation chartered by act of the legislature approved March 21, 1901, is hereby authorized to organize and commence business within one year from May 1, 1917; and if said corporation shall not organize and commence business within said time its charter shall thereupon be rendered void. Nothing contained in this act shall permit said corporation to transact any business forbidden by chapter 120 of the Laws of 1911, or of chapter 109 of the Laws of 1915. It shall be unlawful for said corporation to issue any shares of stock until the par value of said shares together with a surplus equal to twenty per cent. of said par value shall have been paid in in cash. Said corporation shall be located in Keene."

On motion of Mr. Brennan of Peterborough, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bills, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 387, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of street sprinkling precincts within the limits of said city.

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows: "An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 427 of the Laws of 1913, entitled 'An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua,' authorizing the establishment of street sprinkling precincts within the limits of said city."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment reported by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 502, An act in amendment of the charter of the New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged granted on June 28, 1876, as amended.

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 2 of chapter 118 of the Laws of 1876, as amended by section 1 of chapter 152 of the Laws of 1893, by striking out all of said section 2 and of said amendment, and inserting in said chapter 118, in place of said section 2, a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to establish and maintain in the city of Concord, an institution for the support and maintenance of aged people, of both sexes, and for that purpose may take and hold real and personal estate, by donation, bequest or otherwise, to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, and may sell, convey and dispose of the same at pleasure, and may erect and maintain such buildings and appurtenances as may be deemed necessary for the purposes of the corporation."

* On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment reported by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 389, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act, entitled "An act to revise the charter

of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of garbage precincts within the limits of said city.

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and by inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows: "An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 427 of the Laws of 1913, entitled 'An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua,' authorizing the establishment of garbage precincts, within the limits of said city."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment reported by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 376, An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies.

Amend section 1 by striking out the first five lines ending with the words "insurance business"; and inserting in place thereof the words "subject to the additional or varied requirements stated in this act a corporation may be formed pursuant to the provisions of chapter 147 of the Public Statutes as amended by chapter 1 of the Laws of 1895 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1907, for the purpose of conducting the following kinds of insurance business."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment reported by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 119, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to street commission.

Amend section 1 by striking out the first six lines ending with the words "the following," and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Amend section 3 of chapter 423 of the Laws of 1913, entitled 'An act repealing chapter 223, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Dover, creating a board of street and park commissioners for said city" and relating to the office of street

commissioners,' by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment reported by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Joint Resolution No. 23, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the Effingham Falls and Lord's Hill highway, situated in town of Effingham.

House Bill No. 257, An act to amend the charter of the city of Manchester to provide a salary for the board of aldermen.

House Bill No. 490, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1907, and in amendment of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1911, and all amendments thereto and relating to the taxation of savings banks.

House Bill No. 526, An act to amend chapter 196 of the Laws of 1899, entitled "An act to amend chapter 204 of the Laws of 1887, relating to the powers of the Woodsville Fire district."

House Bill No. 528, An act to change the name and to amend the charter of the Citizen's Institution for Savings of Nashua.

House Bill No. 529, An act to authorize cities and towns to pension policemen and firemen.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 48, An act to authorize the stockholders of the Rochester Loan and Banking company to change the name of said institution to the Rochester Trust company.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Senate Bill No. 37, An act to prevent the pollution of the water in Loon pond in the town of Hillsborough.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.12 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment. The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., March 9, 1917.

*William J. Ahern, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, business in order at 11 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Concord, unanimous consent was given to receive a report from a committee not previously advertised.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 551, An act concerning the militia, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the committee.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Concord, the rules were sus-

pending and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

The bill was read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 552, An act relating to the school board of the special school district of Goffstown, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 553, An act for the equalization of high school privileges by granting aid in certain cases, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Hoyt of Concord, for the Committee on County Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 554, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Session Laws of 1903; chapter 22, Laws of 1907; chapter 83, Laws of 1909; and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on County Affairs.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on County Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Conner of Bristol, at 9.35 o'clock the House adjourned.

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MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., March 12, 1917.

Walter H. Beane, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Concord, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth was granted leave of absence for the week on account of important business.

Mr. Glines of Canterbury was granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Boutwell of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Carter of Conway, Petition of Mountainview Grange of East Conway, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Bailey of Haverhill, Petition of 44 citizens of Haverhill, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 533, An act to reorganize the government of the town of Claremont and for other purposes.

Senate Bill No. 37, An act to prevent the pollution of the water in Loon pond in the town of Hillsborough.

Senate Bill No. 46, An act to authorize the Granite State Fire Insurance company to acquire and hold real estate to the value of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

House Bill No. 4, An act in amendment of chapter 125, Laws of 1907, relating to the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children.

House Bill No. 38, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915 relating to trust funds held by towns and cities.

House Bill No. 40, An act in amendment of chapter 32, Laws of 1911, relating to the perpetual care of cemetery lots.

House Bill No. 71, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission."

House Bill No. 77, An act amending chapter 177 of the Public Statutes relating to guardians.

House Bill No. 78, An act amending chapter 4, Session Laws of 1895, relating to the sale of the real estate of persons deceased.

House Bill No. 90, An act to amend chapter 6 of the Public Statutes relating to the public printer and public printing.

House Bill No. 101, An act in amendment of chapter 80 of the Laws of 1907 relating to marriages.

House Bill No. 119, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to street commission.

House Bill No. 127, An act to amend chapter 18 of the Laws of 1903 relating to domestic insurance companies.

House Bill No. 148, An act to increase the power of the trustees of Atkinson academy relating to the funds held by them in connection with any estate, real or personal.

House Bill No. 190, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of jailers in certain cases.

House Bill No. 191, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 282 of the Public Statutes relating to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners.

House Bill No. 211, An act relating to qualifications of notary public.

House Bill No. 263, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 206 of the Laws of 1897, being "An act to incorporate the Bethlehem Electric Light company."

House Bill No. 361, An act in amendment of chapter 249, Public Statutes, entitled "Police officers and watchmen."

House Bill No. 376, An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies.

House Bill No. 380, An act in amendment of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1911 requiring the use of underwater exhausts or mufflers on certain motor boats.

House Bill No. 387, An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 427 of the Laws of 1913, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of street sprinkling precincts within the limits of said city.

House Bill No. 389, An act in amendment of and in addition to chapter 427 of the Laws of 1913, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Nashua," authorizing the establishment of garbage precincts, within the limits of said city.

House Bill No. 435, An act to amend the charter of the trustees of the Dow fund and donations to the Methodist Episcopal society in Salem, of 1826.

House Bill No. 499, An act to amend section 17 of chapter 241 of the Session Laws of 1893, entitled "An act to establish the city of Laconia."

House Bill No. 502, An act in amendment of the charter

of the New Hampshire Centennial Home for the Aged granted on June 28, 1876, as amended.

House Bill No. 504, An act to amend section 2 of chapter 169 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to prevent corrupt practices at elections, and to regulate expenditures for political purposes and provide for the publicity thereof."

House Bill No. 505, An act in amendment of sections 2, 3, 4 and 6 of chapter 308, Session Laws of 1909, entitled "An act to incorporate the Conway Electric Light and Power company of Conway."

House Bill No. 506, An act relating to election of county officers for Strafford county.

House Bill No. 523, An act to extend the charter of the Union Surety company.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 343, An act to amend chapter 220 of the Session Laws of 1913, "An act relating to the purchase of milk, cream and butter within the state for shipment and sale without the state," reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out the whole of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of chapter 220, Session Laws of 1913, by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Every person, co-partnership, association or corporation that, as a part of his, their, or its business, purchases milk, cream or any of the manufactured products thereof within this state to be shipped and sold beyond the state, is hereby required to first obtain a license therefor, as hereinafter provided."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Abbott of Wilton, for the Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House Bill No. 527, An act relating to the quality of milk and providing for standardized milk,

reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out in lines 5 and 6 and line 31 of the printed bill the words "if, as collected at the source of production"; further amend said section 1 by inserting after the word "centimeter" in lines 7 and 32 of the printed bill the words "at the time of sale"; further amend said section 1 by striking out the word "twelve" in line 29 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "eleven and eighty-five one hundredths," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 127 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 71, Laws of 1911, is hereby amended by inserting, following the words "milk solids," the words: "or less than three and thirty-five one hundredths per cent. of butter fat, or more than five hundred thousand bacteria per cubic centimeter" at the time of sale. Also by adding to the said section the following: "*Provided*, that pure natural milk which shall contain less than the amounts of solids and fats herein specified may be sold if every can, bottle, or other container in which such milk is shipped, sold, or delivered, at wholesale or retail, is plainly labeled so as to show its actual composition," so that said section as amended shall read:

"SECT. 17. If any person shall adulterate milk, skim-milk or cream with water or otherwise to be sold, or shall sell or offer for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, any adulterated or unwholesome milk, skim-milk, or cream containing any coloring matter or preservative, or any milk produced from sick or diseased cows, or cows fed upon any substance which may be deleterious to the quality of milk, skim-milk, or cream, or shall sell or offer for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell as milk, any milk from which the cream or a part thereof has been removed, he shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than sixty days or both. If upon analysis any milk shall be found to contain less than eleven and eighty-five one hundredths per cent. of

milk solids, or less than three and thirty-five one hundredths per cent. of butter fat, or more than five hundred thousand bacteria per cubic centimeter, at the time of sale, or in the case of skim-milk, less than eight and one-half per cent. of milk solids, exclusive of fat, or in the case of cream, less than eighteen per cent. of butter fat, or in the case of butter and renovated butter, less than eighty per cent. of butter fat, or more than sixteen per cent. of water, such product shall not be deemed as of standard quality; and the sale, offering for sale, or having in possession with intent to sell, by any person, firm or corporation, of milk, skim-milk, cream, butter or renovated butter, which fails to conform to the requirements herein specified, shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars. *Provided*, that pure natural milk which shall contain less than the amounts of solids and fats herein specified may be sold if every can, bottle, or other container in which such milk is shipped, sold or delivered, at wholesale or retail, is plainly labeled so as to show its guaranteed composition."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Richardson of Derry, for the Committee on County Affairs, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 44, An act relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Belknap, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 450, An act providing for state aid for school supervision in certain towns and school districts, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 458, An act to prohibit employers from deducting from employees when late for work, more than the exact number of minutes, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 10, Joint resolution for constructing and equipping an armory in Exeter, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the next legislature.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 84, Joint resolution to provide for the erection and equipment of a head house and drill shed at the armory in Laconia, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the next legislature.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 51, Joint resolution to provide for additional pay for militiamen in out of state service, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 163, An act providing for the construction of a macadam road in the city of Laconia, reported the same with the following

amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the word "macadam" in line 5 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the word "suitable."

Also amend the title of the bill by striking out the word "macadam" and inserting in place thereof the word "suitable," so said title and section 1 shall read as follows:

"An act providing for the construction of a suitable road in the city of Laconia.

"SECTION 1. That the sum of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500) a year for the next two years be and the same is hereby appropriated, *provided* the city of Laconia appropriates an equal amount each year, for the construction of a suitable road, beginning at the junction of Oak street and North Main street in the city of Laconia and running along said North Main street to the Home for Feeble-Minded in said city."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 374, An act to amend chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 306, An act to establish and construct a state highway to be known as the Shaker boulevard, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 408, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, providing

for an extension of the system of cross state highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 455, An act to establish and construct a state highway to be known as the Hollow Route boulevard, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 295, An act to establish a state highway through the towns of Hudson, Pelham and Salem, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 166, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Merrimack Valley road at Nashua with the Salem and Haverhill road at Salem, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 373, An act to establish a state highway from Shute's corner on the Rockingham road in the town of Derry to the Massachusetts state line in the town of Pelham, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 267, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to establish a system of cross state highways," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 187, An act in amendment of chapter 51 of the Laws of 1915, being "An act in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905, and of chapter 55, Laws of 1911, relating to state highways," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 11, An act relative to protection of highway signs and guard rails, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Poole of Conway, for the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 184, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover, relative to the treasurer of the school board for said city.

House Bill No. 544, An act to legalize the town election of the town of Chatham held March 14, 1916.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 7 (In House new draft), An act to amend the charter of the city of Berlin.

House Bill No. 38, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities.

House Bill No. 101, An act in amendment of chapter 80 of the Laws of 1907 relating to marriages.

House Bill No. 190, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 287 of the Public Statutes relating to the fees of jailers in certain cases.

House Bill No. 191, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 282 of the Public Statutes relating to the compensation of jailers for the support of prisoners.

House Bill No. 211, An act relating to qualifications of notary public.

House Bill No. 323, An act regulating the duty of police officers in certain cases.

House Bill No. 361, An act in amendment of chapter 249, Public Statutes, entitled "Police officers and watchmen."

House Bill No. 380, An act in amendment of chapter 75 of the Session Laws of 1911 requiring the use of underwater exhausts or mufflers on certain motor boats.

House Bill No. 506, An act relating to election of county officers for Strafford county.

House Bill No. 523, An act to extend the charter of the Union Surety company.

House Bill No. 533, An act to reorganize the government of the town of Claremont and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 70 (In new draft), An act in repeal of chapter 95 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act in relation to street railways," and in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission."

Amend section 26 as proposed by this act by striking out the words "street railway company" in line 9, and by substituting therefor the words "company operating a street railway," so that said section as proposed by this act shall read as follows:

"SECT. 26. The public service commission, upon application, shall have the power to authorize any company operating a street railway or any public utility to temporarily or permanently discontinue the operation of any part of its road in the case of a street railway, or any part of its service in the case of a public utility, whenever it shall appear that such discontinuance will not unreasonably inconvenience the public."

On motion of Mr. Wright of Sanbornton, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 439, An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, relating to the service of subpoenas and other process.

Amend section 1 of said bill by inserting after the word "subpoena" in the fifth line of said section the words "for

each witness named therein"; and by inserting after the word "subpoena" in the seventh line of said section the words "for each witness named therein," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend that part of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, which relates to the service of writs and other process by striking out the words "except writs of subpoena for witnesses," and by inserting therein after the word "writ," the words "subpoena for each witness named therein," so that as amended the same shall read:

"For the service of every writ, subpoena for each witness named therein, process, notice, or execution, fifty cents."

And further amend said section by striking out the words "for summoning witnesses, each, twenty-five cents."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to Senate Bill No. 36 (In new draft), An act to make uniform the law of bills of lading.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to House Bill No. 292, An act in amendment of section 18, chapter 10 of the Public Statutes, relating to admissions to the state hospital, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows: "An act in amendment of section 18, chapter 10 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 124 of the Laws of 1909 relating to admissions to the state hospital."

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 18, chapter 10 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 124 of the Laws of 1909, by adding at the end of the section as thus amended the following:

"Provided, however, that the superintendent of the state hospital may receive and detain therein as a patient, any person who desires to submit himself or herself to treatment for insanity, and who makes application in writing therefor, and whose mental condition is such as to render him or her competent to make such application. Such person shall not be detained for more than seven days after having given written notice of his or her desire or intention to leave said hospital. The charges for the support of such person at said hospital shall be governed by the provisions now in force for the support of an insane person in said hospital, *provided* the approval of the state board of lunacy shall be obtained in writing. Said superintendent shall give immediate notice of the reception of such person to the state board of lunacy, stating all the particulars of the case"; and by striking out the words "asylum for the insane" in the second and third lines of the original section and inserting in place thereof the words "state hospital," and by striking out the word "supreme" in the sixth line of said original section and inserting in place thereof the word "superior," so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

"SECT. 18. No person shall be committed to the state hospital, except by an order of the court or the judge of probate, without the certificate of two reputable physicians that such person is insane, given after a personal examination made within one week of the committal. Such certificate shall be accompanied by a certificate of a judge of the superior court or court of probate, mayor, or one of the selectmen, certifying to the genuineness of the signatures and the respectability of the signers. The physicians making such examination shall be legally registered to practice medicine in New Hampshire, and in the actual practice of their profession at the time of said examination

and for at least three years prior thereto. They shall act jointly in making said examination and their certificate shall bear the date of said examination. Neither of said physicians shall be a relative of the person alleged to be insane, or an official of the institution to which it is proposed to commit such person. Any violation of the terms of this act may be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. The certificate of insanity shall be in the form prescribed by the commission and shall contain the facts and circumstances upon which the judgment of the physicians is based. *Provided, however,* that the superintendent of the state hospital may receive and detain therein as a patient, any person who desires to submit himself or herself to treatment for insanity, and who makes application in writing therefor, and whose mental condition is such as to render him or her competent to make such application. Such person shall not be detained for more than seven days after having given written notice of his or her desire or intention to leave said hospital. The charges for the support of such person at said hospital shall be governed by the provisions now in force for the support of an insane person in said hospital, *provided* the approval of the state board of lunacy shall be obtained in writing. Said superintendent shall give immediate notice of the reception of such person to the state board of lunacy, stating all the particulars of the case."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Couch of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 457, An act to abolish capital punishment.

The question being,

Shall the report of the Committee on Judiciary that it is inexpedient to legislate, be adopted?

On motion of Mr. Couch, the bill was laid upon the table

and made a special order for Tuesday, March 20, at 11.01 o'clock.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That the Honorable George W. Wickersham, formerly attorney-general of the United States, be invited to address this House on Tuesday, March 20, on the subject of the foreign relations of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Libbey of Manchester,—

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' Hall be granted the New Hampshire Committee of the National Civic Federation on the evening of Thursday, March 15, for an address by Admiral Robert E. Peary.

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sense of this House is that all bills now in the hands of the different committees, with the exception of the Committee on Appropriations, be reported prior to March 29.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 184, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover, relative to the treasurer of the school board for said city.

House Bill No. 343, An act to amend chapter 220 of the Session Laws of 1913, "An act relating to the purchase of milk, cream and butter within the state for shipment and sale without the state."

House Bill No. 527, An act relating to the quality of milk and providing for standardized milk.

House Bill No. 544, An act to legalize the town election of the town of Chatham held March 14, 1916.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 11, An act relative to protection of highway signs and guard rails.

Senate Bill No. 44, An act relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Belknap.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Clough of Alton offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Through the dispensation of Providence there has been removed from his sphere of activity and usefulness Cyrus Adams Sulloway, member of Congress from the First New Hampshire District, and

WHEREAS, Cyrus Adams Sulloway was for many years a respected and influential member of this body, and

WHEREAS, Congressman Sulloway supplemented his service in this House with a longer service in the National House of Representatives than any other man from New Hampshire, therefore be it

Resolved, That this House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire recognizes in the untimely and lamented death of Cyrus Adams Sulloway a distinct loss to this state and this nation;

Resolved, That we tender to the surviving family of Congressman Sulloway the assurance of our profoundest sympathy in the great grief that has come upon them; and be it further

Resolved, That in tribute to his devotion to his ideals and to his duty as he saw it, and to the admirable qualities of heart and brain of the late Cyrus Adams Sulloway, the Speaker appoint a committee of ten members of this House,

one from each county, to attend the funeral, and that when this House adjourns it be in respect to his memory.

The question being on the resolution,

Remarks eulogistic of the life and service of the Honorable Cyrus A. Sulloway were made by Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth and Mr. Brennan of Peterborough.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Speaker named as a committee in accordance with the resolution the following gentlemen:

Messrs. Clough of Alton, Bell of Exeter, Wendell of Dover, French of Moultonborough, Couch of Concord, Brennan of Peterborough, Callahan of Keene, Fairbanks of Newport, Hoyt of Hanover, and Dupont of Berlin.

On motion of Mr. Clough of Alton, at 12.03 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth was granted leave of absence for Friday on account of important business.

Mr. Pearson of Laconia was granted leave of absence for the afternoon on account of important business.

Mr. Burns of Nashua was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

PETITION PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Munsey of Laconia, Petition of the Loyal Temperance Legion of Lakeport, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bill:

Senate Bill No. 36, An act to make uniform the law of bills of lading.

The report was accepted.

The committee of conference on House Bill No. 171, An act in amendment of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the establishment of water works in the town of Troy, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate recede from its amendment to the bill and recommend the passage of the bill without amendment.

BENJAMIN W. COUCH,
ROBERT C. MURCHIE,
HARRY A. THOMPSON,
House Conferees.

NATH'L E. MARTIN,
MARCEL THERIAULT,
Senate Conferees.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, for the Committee on County Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 554, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Session Laws of 1903; chapter 22, Laws of 1907; chapter 83, Laws of 1909 and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Dole of Concord, for the Committee on Banks, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 555, An act fixing the rate of the excise tax for savings banks and similar institutions, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

The report was accepted. On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 39, Joint resolution for the building of state road in the town of Mason, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 241, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, providing for an extension of the system of cross-state highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 428, An act to establish and construct a state highway connecting the South Side highway in Wilton with the Contoocook Valley highway in Bennington, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 284, An act authorizing an appraisal of New Castle Bridge Corporation toll bridges, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 137 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 163, Laws of 1915, relating to the reforesting of waste land.

House Bill No. 508 (In new draft), An act in relation to fish and game.

House Bill No. 519 (In new draft), An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks.

House Bill No. 552, An act relating to the school board of the special school district of Goffstown.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough,—

Resolved, That House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund, be recalled from the Senate and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth,—

Resolved, That Senate Bill No. 21, An act to establish the North Haverhill Electric Light, Water and Power company in the town of Haverhill, in the county of Grafton, state of New Hampshire, be recalled from the secretary of state.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the vote whereby the bill passed, was reconsidered.

The question being,

Shall the bill pass?

On motion of Mr. Wood, the bill was put back upon its second reading for the purpose of amendment.

Mr. Wood offered the following amendment:

Amend section 6 by inserting after the words "easement therein" in the eleventh line, the words "as provided in this or any previous section herein," so that said section as thus amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 6. This corporation is hereby authorized to erect dams at or near the outlet of French pond and on Bacon brook and its tributaries in said Haverhill, and to

raise and hold back the waters of said pond and brook for purposes of storage and power development. And for said purposes, and for the construction and extension of its works, plant and system, it may flow any lands, and may enter upon and take any real estate, including any right of way or easement, or any personal property, belonging to any individual, partnership or corporation, under and by virtue of the law or eminent domain; *provided*, that if it shall be necessary to enter upon and appropriate any private property or any right or easement therein, as provided in this or any previous section herein, and said corporation cannot agree with the owner or owners of such property as to the necessity of the taking or the price to be paid therefor, said corporation may petition the public service commission for such right and easements or for permission to take such lands or other property as may be needed for said purposes; and the proceedings on such petition shall be in accordance with the provisions of the general law relating to the taking of lands and rights and easements therein by public utilities. The provisions of this act shall not be so construed as to allow the taking by eminent domain of the property of any existing electric light, water or power company."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

(Mr. Childs of Hillsborough in the chair.)

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Reliable information has disclosed the fact that our Speaker is today enjoying a return of the date of his birth,

Resolved, That we extend to him the best wishes of this body, and the heartiest greetings from each member conveying the hope that he will continue to have birthdays happier and more prosperous for the greatest number of years, and further,

Resolved, That these sentiments be recorded in the journal.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

By a rising vote the resolution was unanimously adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Challis of Manchester called for the special order, House Bill No. 65, An act to establish a fire commission for the city of Manchester.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that the bill ought to pass in the draft as previously reported, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass in its new draft?

(Discussion ensued.)

(The Speaker in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.40 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

(After recess.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 65, An act to establish a fire commission for the city of Manchester, was resumed.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that the bill ought to pass in the draft as previously reported, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass in a new draft?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Wiggin of Manchester moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that the bill ought to pass in the draft previously reported, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass in a new draft?

Mr. Barry of Manchester demanded the yeas and nays, and the roll was called with the following result:

YEAS, 77.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Pridham, Marston, McDaniel of Nottingham, Casey, Dimmock, Bailey of Windham.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—McFayden, Cole of Rochester, Meader, Maxfield, Hubbard of Rochester, Murphy, Philpott, Jacques, Lucey, Gaudreau of Somersworth, Perron.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Cotton, Page of Gilmanton, Torsey, Page of Tilton, Tilton of Tilton.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Pollard, White of Eaton, Gilman.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Andover, Curtis, Clark of Concord, Taylor, Lee, Ahern, Gannon, Dana, Cunningham, Gould of Hopkinton, Adams, Freneau, Georgi.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Crawford, Challis, Collins of Manchester, Connor of Manchester, Glynn, Horan, Kelley of Manchester, McCarthy of Manchester, Wiggin, Mahoney, Sullivan of Manchester, Donnelly, Parent, Rice of Manchester, Stewart, Barry, Roukey, Janelle, Ward 12, Manchester, Farley, Wheeler of Nashua, Pepin, Richard, Sullivan of Ward 5, Nashua, Mulvanity, Hargreaves, DeLacombe, Woodbury of Pelham, Brennan, Eastman of Weare.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Mason of Dublin, Callahan, Kimball of Marlborough.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Bugbee, Reed.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Baker, Conner of Bristol, Allen, Sawyer of Woodstock.

COÖS COUNTY.—Gray of Columbia.

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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Sawyer of Atkinson, Griffin, Smith of Brentwood, Lang, Gillingham, Horne of Derry,

Stackhouse, Wheeler of Derry, Gilmore, Bell of Exeter, Leighton, Nowell, Shute, Bassett, Walton, Parker, Towle of Northwood, Sanderson, Bartlett of Portsmouth, Pender, Wood of Portsmouth, Badger, Downs, Buxton, Haigh.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—McDaniel of Barrington, Bennett, Wendell, Davis of Durham, Thomas of Farmington, Davis of Lee, Sampson, Horne of Rochester, Cater.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Clough of Alton, Whitney, Johnson, Seaverns, Sanborn of Laconia, Munsey, Whitten, Leavitt of Meredith, Wright of Sanbornton.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Poole, Leavitt of Effingham, Merrow, Thompson of Jackson, French of Moultonborough, Hodsdon, Thomas of Tuftonborough, Rogers of Wakefield.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Allenstown, Hubbard of Boscawen, Clough of Bow, Corrigan, Sanborn of Chichester, Hoyt of Concord, Keenan, Evans, Leach, Wright of Concord, Couch, Dole of Concord, Towle of Epsom, Duffy, Kelley of Hill, Lawrence, Jenkins, Lear, Bartlett of Pittsfield, Cutler, Davis of Sutton, Colby.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Lewis, Eaton, Corey, Smith of Deering, Stevens, Bartlett of Goffstown, Gordon of Goffstown, Hopkins, Ellinwood, Childs, Gay, Brown of Hudson, Tarbell, Cole of Manchester, Ryder, Wheeler of Manchester, Berry of Manchester, Boutwell, Hall, Putnam, Libbey of Manchester, Prime, Robinson, Crosby, Dockham, Fairbanks of Manchester, Woodbury of Manchester, Bartlett of Manchester, Bunton, Dunnington, Bailey of Manchester, Burlingame, McKay, Sayers, Graf, Jones, Newell, Scannell, Grenier, Provost, Hebert, Miville, Raiche, Whitaker, Haseltine of Merrimack, Kendall of Milford, Woodman, Gleason, Shattuck, French of Nashua, Foisie, Powell, Abbott of Wilton.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Damon, Robertson, Boynton, Perry, Rice of Keene, Spaulding, Davis of Marlow, Conway, Faulkner, Mason of Troy, Whitman, Willard.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Gilson, Dodge of Newport, Fairbanks of Newport, Rogers of Plainfield, Philbrick, Gardner, Dole of Washington.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Gray of Alexandria, Abbott of Bath, Robie, Shaw, Barney, Goodboo, Emerson of Hanover, Hoyt of Hanover, Bailey of Haverhill, Butler, Webster, Collins of Lebanon, French of Lebanon, Haskell, Barnes, Eastman of Orange, Stanley, Bell of Plymouth, Kidder, Little, Bradeen.

COÖS COUNTY.—Trask, Brown of Dalton, George, Eastman of Jefferson, Bailey of Lancaster, Congdon, Truland, Woods of Milan, Boucher, McFarland, Merrill, Lowe of Randolph, Cole of Stark, Kimball of Stratford, Snow.

Mr. Batchelder of Hampton voting no was paired with Mr. Ravenelle of Nashua voting yes.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow voting no was paired with Mr. Foote of Seabrook voting yes.

Mr. Pearson of Laconia voting no was paired with Mr. Larouche of Nashua voting yes.

Mr. Peterson of Manchester voting no was paired with Mr. Janelle of Manchester, Ward 13, voting yes.

Mr. Smith of Manchester voting no was paired with Mr. Soucy of Nashua voting yes.

Mr. Harlan of Manchester voting yes was paired with Mr. Davis of Manchester voting no.

Mr. Shaughnessy of Manchester voting yes was paired with Mr. Moore of Lisbon voting no.

Mr. Lizotte of Manchester voting no was paired with Mr. Gaudreau of Nashua voting yes.

Mr. Metcalf of Alstead voting yes was paired with Mr. Mousley of Langdon voting no.

and the motion to substitute did not prevail.

Mr. Roukey of Manchester offered an amendment which he subsequently withdrew.

Mr. Crawford of Manchester moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Crawford,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Sullivan of Manchester offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking out in the second and third lines the words "with the approval of the board of aldermen."

The question being on the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 68, An act providing for warning signs at grade crossings.

House Bill No. 498, An act to incorporate the Troy Blanket Mills railway.

House Bill No. 513, An act to incorporate the Beebe River railroad.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 461, An act relating to the use of school-houses and public properties for certain purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 388, An act in amendment of and in addi-

tion to the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers upon the board of police commissioners, in certain cases.

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 5 of chapter 208 of the Laws of 1891, entitled "An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Nashua creating a board of police commissioners for said city," by striking out the words "either by suspension or expulsion from the force, as they see fit," and inserting in place thereof the following:

"The said commissioners shall have full and complete care and control of all lands and buildings thereon, used and erected for the use of the police department; and whenever the same shall cease to be used for said purpose, they shall revert to the care and control of the city. All buildings erected, altered, remodeled, or changed, for the use of the police department shall be constructed and made under the joint direction of the commissioners and the land and buildings committee of the board of aldermen; and no building shall be erected, altered, remodeled or changed, unless the plans thereof have been previously submitted to the board of police commissioners and approved by it, and upon completion thereof they shall be and continue in the sole control and care of the commissioners," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 5. The police commissioners shall have full power to make all rules for the government of the police force, and to enforce said rules. The said commissioners shall have full and complete care and control of all lands and buildings thereon, used and erected for the use of the police department; and whenever the same shall cease to be used for said purpose, they shall revert to the care and control of the city. All buildings erected, altered, remodeled, or changed, for the use of the police department shall be constructed and made under the joint direction of the commissioners and the land and buildings committee of the board of aldermen; and no building shall be erected,

altered, remodeled or changed, unless the plans thereof have been previously submitted to the board of police commissioners and approved by it, and upon completion thereof they shall be and continue in the sole control and care of the commissioners."

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 200, An act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies.

Amend section 2 by inserting after the word "force" in the fifth line thereof the words "or shall already have in force" and by inserting after the word "certificates" in the seventh line thereof the words "already in force or simultaneously put in force," so that said section as thus amended shall read:

"SECT. 2. No benefit certificate as to any child shall take effect until after medical examination or inspection by a licensed medical practitioner, in accordance with the laws of the society, nor shall any such benefit certificate be issued unless the society shall simultaneously put in force or shall already have in force at least five hundred such certificates, on each of which at least one assessment has been paid, nor where the number of lives represented by such certificates already in force or simultaneously put in force fall below five hundred. The death benefit contributions to be made upon such certificate shall be based upon the 'Standard Industrial Mortality Table' or the 'English Life Table Number Six' and a rate of interest not greater than four per cent. per annum, or upon a higher standard; *provided* that contributions may be waived or returns may be made from any surplus held in excess of reserve and other liabilities, as provided in the by-laws, and, *provided further* that extra contributions shall be made if the reserves hereafter provided for become impaired."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House con-

curred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this afternoon it be to meet tomorrow morning at 10.30 o'clock and when the House then adjourns, it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 3.20 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game.

Read a third time.

The question being,

Shall the bill pass?

Mr. Clark of Concord moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Clark,

On motion of Mr. Connor of Manchester, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, March 20, at 11.02 o'clock.

House Bill No. 137, An act in amendment of chapter 163, Laws of 1915, relating to the reforestation of waste land.

House Bill No. 284, An act authorizing an appraisal of New Castle Bridge Corporation toll bridges.

House Bill No. 519, An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks.

House Bill No. 552, An act relating to the school board of the special school district of Goffstown.

House Bill No. 554, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Session Laws of 1903; chapter 22, Laws of 1907; chapter 83, Laws of 1909; and chapter 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 21, An act to establish the North Haverhill Electric Light, Water and Power company in the town of Haverhill, in the county of Grafton, state of New Hampshire.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 69, An act in amendment of chapter 185 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 117 of the Laws of 1915, being "An act relating to the inspection and licensing of boats, and the examination and licensing of their captains, masters, engineers and pilots."

House Bill No. 544, An act to legalize the town election of the town of Chatham held March 14, 1916.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in its amendment to Senate Bill No. 48, An act to authorize the stockholders of the Rochester Loan and Banking company to change the name of said institution to Rochester Trust company.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the amendment offered by the Committee of

Conference on House Bill No. 33, An act relating to building and loan associations.

The message further announced that, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee of Conference on House Bill No. 171, An act in amendment of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the establishment of water works in the town of Troy, the Senate had voted to recede from its amendment to the bill and had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the bill.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bills, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 298, An act in amendment of chapter 40, section 4, Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 146 of the Laws of 1911, empowering cities and towns to provide playgrounds and neighborhood centers.

Amend the title by striking out the words "in amendment of chapter 40, section 4, Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 146 of the Laws of 1911," so that the title shall read as follows:

"An act empowering cities and towns to provide playgrounds and neighborhood centers."

Amend section 1 by striking out the first three lines ending with the words "following thereto."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 520, An act to amend section 14 of chapter 169 of the Public Statutes relating to the taxation of foreign insurance companies.

Amend section 1 by striking out the first line ending with the words "Public Statutes" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Amend section 14, chapter 169 of the Public Statutes,

as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1895, section 1, chapter 64, Laws of 1899, section 1, chapter 67, Laws of 1901, section 1, chapter 109, Laws of 1905, section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1909, and section 1, chapter 47, Laws of 1915."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 3.40 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 1917.

The House met at 10.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Jonathan S. Lewis of Amherst.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Murchie of Concord, Walbridge of Peterborough, Parent of Manchester, Lawrence of Hooksett and Evans of Concord were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Bartlett of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the Monroe and North Monroe Methodist churches, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 431.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the Monroe and North Monroe Methodist churches, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 414.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the Monroe and

North Monroe Methodist churches, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 424.

Presented and referred to the Committee on Labor.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 11 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Merrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 22, Joint resolution for the repair of the Sandwich Notch and Dale road in the town of Sandwich, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the word "four" in line 1 and inserting in place thereof the word "three," also by striking out the word "two" in line 5 and inserting in place thereof the word "three," and also by striking out the word "four" in line 8 and inserting in place thereof the word "three," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of three hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the repair of the Sandwich Notch and Dale road in the town of Sandwich for each of the years 1917 and 1918, *provided* said town of Sandwich shall appropriate the sum of three hundred dollars for each of said years, the said sums to be expended under the direction of the highway commissioner. The said sums of three hundred dollars shall be a charge upon the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways made by section 10, chapter 35, Laws of 1905.

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 28, Joint resolution appropriating money for additional accommodations at the school for feeble-minded children, reported the same with the following amendment, and the

recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said joint resolution by striking out all after the word "children" in the second line thereof and adding the following:

"The sum of fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of erecting a dormitory for feeble-minded women of child-bearing age. Of said sum there is appropriated the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) for the year ending August 31, 1918, and a like sum for the year ending August 31, 1919. Said sums to be expended under the direction of the board of trustees of state institutions, or whatever body may be charged with the supervision of the management of said institutions. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and this resolution shall take effect August 31, 1917," so that said joint resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That to provide additional accommodations at the school for feeble-minded children, the sum of fifty-eight thousand dollars (\$58,000) be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of erecting a dormitory for feeble-minded women of child-bearing age. Of said sum there is appropriated the sum of twenty-nine thousand dollars (\$29,000) for the year ending August 31, 1918, and a like sum for the year ending August 31, 1919. Said sums to be expended under the direction of the board of trustees of state institutions, or whatever body may be charged with the supervision of the management of said institutions. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated and this resolution shall take effect August 31, 1917."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Boucher of Northumberland, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 89, Joint resolution in favor of the construction

of a permanent highway leading from Pontook falls in Dummer, through West Milan, to Stark, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 53, Joint resolution providing for medical and surgical treatment for indigent, crippled and tuberculous children, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 68, Joint resolution in favor of Miles W. Roby, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

(Mr. Bell of Plymouth in the chair.)

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 204, An act for the establishment of a normal school in the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the next legislature.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

(The Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 266, An act to provide for the expenditure of funds received by the state from the national forest, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 332, An act relating to the salary of the deputy register of probate of the county of Merrimack, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 463, An act in relation to transportation of the members of the legislature, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gardner of Sunapee, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 517, An act relating to tuberculosis, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 21, An act providing for a convention of delegates for the purpose of revising the constitution, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 340, An act to provide for the assessment and collection of an annual state tax for the term of two years, reported the same in a new draft, with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the bill in its new draft read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill

made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time. The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 97, Joint resolution to provide for the completion of the trunk line roads: the construction of certain cross-state roads heretofore designated, and to secure federal aid, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moulborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The third reading having begun, on motion of the same gentleman, the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with. The joint resolution was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 430, An act in relation to the employment of expert assistance by the board of bank commissioners, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 205, An act relating to the duties of school boards and teachers in public schools, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Rogers of Wakefield, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 535, An act to regulate

the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children and to provide for the appointment of probation officers, and in amendment of chapter 125, Session Laws of 1907, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 537, An act to authorize the governor and council to accept a transfer to the state of the title to the Webster birthplace, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 539, An act to change the name of the Sanbornton Baptist association as established by the Laws of 1803, and amended by the Laws of 1807, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 540, An act to change the name of the First Congregational society in New Chester as established by chapter 64, Laws of 1816, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 541, An act in amendment of chapter 188 of the Laws of 1905, entitled "An act authorizing the town of Gorham to establish water-works and sewers," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 542, An act to provide for absent voting by the New Hampshire National Guard and volunteers while in the military service of the state or federal government, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 543, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 186 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the bureau of labor, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 550, An act relative to mortgages to secure future obligations and in amendment of chapters 139 and 140 of the Public Statutes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 424, An act to promote the public health by making a six day week in certain employments, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for the Committee on Labor, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 556, An act establishing a jewelers' repair lien law, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill

was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Labor.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution relating to the state gun house at Portsmouth, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 473, An act relating to harvesting ice on public waters, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the word "a" in line 3 of the printed bill; further amend said section by striking out the word "fence" in said line 3 and inserting in place thereof the word "markers"; further amend section 1 by striking out all of said section after the word "such" in line 5 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "markers as long as any danger exists," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. That hereafter any person or corporation harvesting ice upon any of the public waters of this state shall mark with suitable markers the area from which ice is to be taken before beginning any harvest, and shall maintain such markers as long as any danger exists."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 33, Joint resolution for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, particularly in the advanced stages, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public

Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 72, Joint resolution to provide for the construction, repair and maintenance of the highway between the first and second Connecticut lake in Pittsburg, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 15, An act relative to obstructions in state highways, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following: "The term public utilities as used in this act shall include railroads and street railways," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Authority is hereby given the state highway department to remove all obstructions in state roads, trunk line roads or state aid roads, but fences and the poles used by telephone, telegraph or other public utilities shall not be removed until ten days' notice in writing of the intention to remove the same has been given to the owner or occupant of the land enclosed by such fence, or to his agent, or to the owner of the utility maintaining such poles. Such notice may be served by any agent of the state highway department on such owner, occupant or agent, or on such utility or any agent or officer thereof. All such fences and poles shall be removed within the time designated, and if not removed by the date affixed in such notice, the same may be forthwith removed by said department. The term public utilities as used in this act shall include railroads and street railways."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 8, An act for the protection of state roads, reported the same with

the following amendment and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 3 of said bill by striking out in the fifth line thereof the word "shall" and inserting in place thereof the word "may."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 314, An act in amendment of chapter 35, Laws of 1905, chapter 55, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 51, Laws of 1915, relating to state highways, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the word "Sycamore" in line 9 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the word "Sagamore"; further amend said section by striking out the words "a continuation and," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. That section 5 (4), chapter 155, Laws of 1909 (being section 15 added to chapter 104, Laws of 1907), as amended by chapter 55, Laws of 1911, and chapter 51, Laws of 1915, be and hereby is amended by adding at the end of said amendment the following provision: The governor and council are further authorized and empowered forthwith to designate for improvement by suitable description a continuous highway, beginning at the junction of Sagamore avenue and Wentworth road in the city of Portsmouth, running through the town of Rye across the Wentworth bridge to the Piscataqua river in New Castle, said road to be a part of the Ocean Boulevard, so called."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 372, An act to establish and construct a state highway from Franklin square in the city of Dover through the town of Rollinsford

to the Maine state line, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the words "shall forthwith" in line 1 and inserting in place thereof the words: "may when the public good requires," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The highway commissioner may when the public good requires designate for improvement, by suitable description, a continuous highway from Franklin square in the city of Dover thence over the Portland road, so called, through the town of Rollinsford to the Maine state line at South Berwick, and file said description with the secretary of state."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 218, An act to establish a state highway connecting the East Side road at Hampton village with the South Side road at Portsmouth avenue in Exeter, reported the same in a new draft and with a new title with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft and with its new title ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 418, An act to govern the distribution of fines collected for violation of the motor vehicle laws, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

(Mr. Bell of Plymouth in the chair.)

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 557, An act amending section 27 of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, relating to motor vehicles, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 108, An act relating to municipal suffrage for women, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 445, An act to amend section 9 of chapter 31 of the Public Statutes of New Hampshire, relative to the rights and qualifications of voters, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Franklin, to whom was referred House Bill No. 84, An act relating to the Memorial hall, Franklin, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

(The Speaker in the chair.)

The undersigned, a majority of the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Portsmouth,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 283, An act to amend the charter of the city of Portsmouth, reported the same with the following amendments and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 4 by striking out the word "six" in line 5 and inserting in place thereof the word "nine," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. The administration of all fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of said city, and the government thereof, shall, except as hereinafter provided, be vested in one principal officer to be called the mayor, and one board consisting of nine members to be called the councilmen. The mayor and councilmen shall sit and act together and compose one body, and in their capacity shall be called the city council."

Amend section 9 by striking out the word "one" after the word "vote" in line 2 and inserting in place thereof the word "two"; further amend said section by striking out the word "two" in line 2 and inserting in place thereof the word "three"; further amend said section by striking out the words "and one each" in line 3 and inserting in place thereof the word "two" and by inserting after the word "three" in said line 3 the words "and one each from wards," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 9. The councilmen shall be elected biennially by plurality vote, two from ward one, three from ward two, two from ward three, and one each from wards four and five respectively, and shall hold office for two years from the first week day in January following their election and until their successors are chosen and qualified."

GEO. A. WOOD.

R. C. DICKEY.

GEORGE H. SANDERSON.

EDWARD S. DOWNS.

JOHN PENDER.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Portsmouth, to whom was referred House Bill No. 283, An act to amend the charter of the city of Portsmouth, being unable to agree with the majority, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass, with the amendment reported by the majority of said committee.

Amend the bill by adding at the end the following section:

"SECT. 29. The provisions of this act shall not take effect or become operative until and unless this act shall be accepted and adopted by the qualified voters of the city at large, voting in their respective wards, at an election which shall be duly and legally called and warned on the first Tuesday of October, A. D. 1917, at which meeting or election said qualified voters shall answer the question as follows:

"Shall the act and each and all the provisions thereof be accepted and adopted as law applicable to, and governing the city of Portsmouth?"

JOHN H. BARTLETT.

The undersigned, a minority of the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Portsmouth, to whom was referred House Bill No. 283, An act to amend the charter of the city of Portsmouth, being unable to agree with the majority, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

DANIEL W. BADGER.

LEWIS SOULE.

WILLIAM CASEY.

Mr. Badger of Portsmouth moved that the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and reports be laid upon the

table and made a special order for Tuesday, March 27, at 11.01 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

BILL FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles.

Taken from the table.

Mr. Connor of Manchester offered the following amendment:

Amend said bill by adding a new section to be section 2 and by renumbering the remaining sections, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, as follows:

"SECT. 2. Whenever the applicant for a permit has been assessed for taxation, during the current year, directly upon the whole or a part of the property which has been used in the purchase of the motor vehicle, the assessors or selectmen shall so certify, and upon the production of such certificate by the applicant, the city or town clerk shall issue such permit without the payment of fees, or upon the payment of the fees provided for in section 5 reduced by the per cent of such assessed property which has been so used in the purchase of such motor vehicle."

The question being in the amendment,

On motion of Mr. Connor of Manchester, the bill with the pending amendment was laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, March 22, at 11.01 o'clock.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 49, An act authorizing administrators, executors, assignees, sheriffs and trustees to sell intoxicating liquors.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 49, An act authorizing administrators, executors, assignees, sheriffs and trustees to sell intoxicating liquor.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Hook of Warner,—

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to procure extra copies of House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor"; and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord, the third reading of bills by their titles was made in order.

House Bill No. 21, An act providing for a convention of delegates for the purpose of revising the constitution.

House Bill No. 84, An act relating to the Memorial hall, Franklin.

House Bill No. 266, An act to provide for the expenditure of funds received by the state from the national forest.

House Bill No. 332, An act relating to the salary of the deputy register of probate of the county of Merrimack.

House Bill No. 418, An act to govern the distribution of fines collected for violation of the motor vehicle laws.

House Bill No. 463, An act in relation to transportation of the members of the legislature.

House Bill No. 473, An act relating to harvesting ice on public waters.

House Bill No. 517, An act relating to tuberculosis.

House Bill No. 535, An act to regulate the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children and to provide for the appointment of probation officers, and in amendment of chapter 125, Session Laws of 1907.

House Bill No. 537, An act to authorize the governor

and council to accept a transfer to the state of the title to the Webster birthplace.

House Bill No. 539, An act to change the name of the Sanbornton Baptist association as established by the Laws of 1803, and amended by the Laws of 1807.

House Bill No. 540, An act to change the name of the First Congregational society in New Chester as established by chapter 64, Laws of 1816.

House Bill No. 541, An act in amendment of chapter 188 of the Laws of 1905, entitled "An act authorizing the town of Gorham to establish water-works and sewers."

House Bill No. 542, An act to provide for absent voting by the New Hampshire National Guard and volunteers while in the military service of the state or federal government.

House Bill No. 543, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 186 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the bureau of labor.

House Bill No. 550, An act relative to mortgages to secure future obligations, and in amendment of chapters 139 and 140 of the Public Statutes.

House Joint Resolution No. 22, Joint resolution for the repair of the Sandwich Notch and Dale road in the town of Sandwich.

House Joint Resolution No. 28, Joint resolution appropriating money for additional accommodations at the school for feeble-minded children.

House Joint Resolution No. 53, Joint resolution providing for medical and surgical treatment for indigent, crippled and tuberculous children.

House Joint Resolution No. 89, Joint resolution in favor of the construction of a permanent highway leading from Pontook falls in Dummer, through West Milan, to Stark.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 8, An act for the protection of state roads.

Senate Bill No. 15, An act relative to obstructions in state highways.

Severally read a third time and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution relating to the state gun house at Portsmouth.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 11.53 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., March 19, 1917.

*Ernest L. Bell, Esq.,
Plymouth, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Dupont of Berlin was granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Stackhouse of Derry, Petition of the citizens of Derry, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the First Baptist church of Keene, North Monroe Methodist church, Monroe Methodist church, W. C. T. U. of Dummer, W. C. T. U. of Potter Place, W. C. T. U. of Cornish, W. C. T. U. of Woodsville, Methodist Social unions, Methodist Episcopal Sunday school of Henniker, Methodist Episcopal church of Henniker, W. C. T. U. of Farmington, Baptist church of Chester, Harmony Circle of the King's Daughters of the Pleasant Street Baptist church of Concord, Congregational Sunday school of Webster, Bachan Sunday school of Webster, Sunday school of Dalton, Congregational Sunday school of Bennington, First Congregational church and society of Rindge, Congregational church of Webster, Congregational church of Hampton, Baptist and Methodist congregations of Claremont, Lakeport W. C. T. U. of Lakeport, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the Cheshire County Pomona Grange of Keene, Mt. Major Grange of West Alton, Mount Hope Grange of Landaff, Watatic Grange of New Ipswich, Jeremiah Smith Grange of Lee, Cherry Mountain Grange of Carroll, and members of Mt. Prospect Grange of Lancaster, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Collins of Lebanon, Petition of the West Lebanon

Congregational church, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Proulx of Franklin, Petition of citizens of the city of Franklin, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Cunningham of Franklin, Petition of the citizens of the city of Franklin, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Dana of Franklin, Petition of the Christian church and citizens of Franklin, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Stackhouse of Derry, Petition of A. J. Lockard of Concord; petition of Epworth League of Methodist Episcopal Church of Derry; petition of 33 citizens of Derry, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Leavitt of Meredith, Petition of 33 citizens of Meredith, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Merrill of Pittsburg, Petition of 83 citizens of Pittsburg, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, Petition of Mayor Samuel T. Ladd and 233 other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of New England Box Company, L. A. Cross and 54 other citizens of Charlestown, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of A. W. Griswold, W. S. Richmond and 52 other citizens of Bennington, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. L. Jordan and 238 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of George C. Drew, C. E. Hartshorn and 55 other citizens of Colebrook, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. M. Whittier, R. G. Boyer and 238 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. L. Barker and 24 other citizens of Newport; protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of William F. Bates, Fred A. Moulton and 153 other citizens of Franklin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of George R. Smith, A. O. Hanlon and 28 other citizens of Francestown, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. E. Pierce, F. P. Hadley and 57 other citizens of Pembroke, Allenstown and Hooksett, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of F. W. Grant and 335 other citizens of Dover, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of George A. Sargent, W. P. Hayden and 205 other citizens of Nashua, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Dr. E. D. Miville and 269 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of J. A. Fellows and 86 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of David W. Perkins, Carl Rydin and 194 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of W. H. Heath, Cornelius McCarthy and 308 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Mayor F. N. Beckwith and 181 other citizens of Dover, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of True L. Norris, C. W. Woods and 209 other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of M. C. Foye, R. C. Dickey and 218 other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. E. Caldwell, J. J. Shea and 339 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Joseph S. Cassidy, George Scott and 107 other citizens of Rochester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Nat R. Leach and 12 other citizens of Errol, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of E. S. Pridham, Oliver E. Marvin and 19 other citizens of Newcastle, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of J. C. Thompson, Charles E. Clark and 22 other citizens of North Stratford, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of W. E. Wiggin and 23 other citizens of Lancaster, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of E. A. Newton, R. A. Smith and 217 other citizens of Nashua, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

By Mr. Scannell of Manchester, Petition of James Leonard, Thomas O'Donnell and 211 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of E. C. Campbell, J. A. Taylor and 121 other citizens of Derry, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Charles C. McNally and 47 other citizens of Groveton, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of E. U. Sargent, M. D., George F. West and 246 other citizens of Concord, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of C. E. Howard, John F. Howe and 282 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Joseph Morin and 34 other citizens of Berlin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of B. L. Richardson, A. D. Barrett and 49 other citizens of Gorham, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Patrick Cushing, Charles H. Bean and 73 other citizens of Franklin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of W. F. Wormwood and 18 other citizens of Haverhill, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of William Jackson and 35 other citizens of Suncook, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of James Van Orman, Gustave Berquist and 265 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of E. C. Gould and 104 other citizens of Suncook, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of John Blaisdell and 35 other citizens of Pembroke, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of O. O. Fontaine and 39 other citizens of Pembroke, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. M. Landry and 54 other citizens of Nashua, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Frank Adams and 58 other citizens of Concord, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Frederick M. Sise, Frank L. Pryor and 73

other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of F. C. Stewart, Harry L. Hussey and 197 other citizens of Dover, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of William Murray, James J. Harris and 108 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Henry B. Davis, G. W. Nutter and 70 other citizens of Rollinsford, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of W. O. Hodgson and 43 other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Frank McGlynn, William Cote and 193 other citizens of Nashua, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Myron L. Crawford, Willis A. Harriman and 104 other citizens of Stewartstown, Clarksville and Pittsburg, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of P. J. McLaughlin, Louis Howard and 149 other citizens of Derry, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of W. H. Wilder and 65 other citizens of Somersworth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. P. Spinney, C. L. Morse and 243 other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

By Mr. Sayers of Manchester, Petition of John E. Healey and 279 other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of John A. Dowd and 268 other citizens of Man-

chester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of James H. Joyce, R. G. Jones and 89 other citizens of Somersworth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Gilman E. Jones and 68 other citizens of Somersworth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. C. Holland and 89 other citizens of Hinsdale, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of J. D. Gage and 74 other citizens of Nashua, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of F. L. Collins and 201 other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of A. L. Caron, Philip Cote and 202 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Fred Miller and 88 other citizens of Penacook, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of P. H. Gilbert, Edward Couture and 222 other citizens of Berlin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Bert F. Harris and 108 other citizens of Pembroke and Allentown, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Eugene A. Morse and 26 other citizens of Derry, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Fred Pelletier and 28 other citizens of Nashua, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of P. J. O'Connell and 279 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of George Thomas, W. N. Prescott and 103 other citizens of Concord, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of W. S. Sanborn, Frank T. Powell and 92 other citizens of Concord, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Melvin P. Locke and 6 other citizens of North Hampton, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Michael White and 161 other citizens of Concord, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of L. H. Martin, Fred Oulette and 76 other citizens of Berlin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of D. A. Barker, M. A. Loomis and 225 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Frank Mathews and 74 other citizens of Concord, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of M. A. Perkins and 52 other citizens of Epping, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of George A. Kimball, George A. Willey and 102 other citizens of Newmarket, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of James Richard and 69 other citizens of Berlin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of A. J. Pariseau, Napoleon Fortier and 197 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Aime Normand and 311 other citizens of Manchester, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of George Blanchard and 51 other citizens of Berlin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of R. D. Cotton, Ernest Messier and 238 other citizens of Nashua, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

Senate Bill No. 11, An act relative to protection of highway signs and guard rails.

Senate Bill No. 44, An act relating to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Belknap.

Senate Bill No. 48, An act to authorize the stockholders of the Rochester Loan and Banking company to change the name of said institution to Rochester Trust company.

House Bill No. 33, An act relating to building and loan associations.

House Bill No. 68, An act providing for warning signs at grade crossings.

House Bill No. 69, An act in amendment of chapter 185 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 117 of the Laws of 1915, being "An act relating to the inspection and licensing of boats, and the examination and licensing of their captains, masters, engineers and pilots."

House Bill No. 70, An act in repeal of chapter 95 of the Laws of 1895, entitled "An act in relation to street railways," and in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapters 98, 99 and 145, Laws of 1913, and chapters 52 and 99, Laws of 1915, being "An act to establish a public service commission."

House Bill No. 171, An act in amendment of chapter 269 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the establishment of water-works in the town of Troy.

House Bill No. 200, An act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies.

House Bill No. 292, An act in amendment of section 18, chapter 10 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 124 of the Laws of 1909 relating to admissions to the state hospital.

House Bill No. 298, An act empowering cities and towns to provide playgrounds and neighborhood centers.

House Bill No. 323, An act regulating the duty of police officers in certain cases.

House Bill No. 388, An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers upon the board of police commissioners, in certain cases.

House Bill No. 498, An act to incorporate the Troy Blanket Mills railway.

House Bill No. 513, An act to incorporate the Beebe River railroad.

House Bill No. 520, An act to amend section 14 of chapter 169 of the Public Statutes relating to the taxation of foreign insurance companies.

House Bill No. 544, An act to legalize the town election of the town of Chatham held March 14, 1916.

Senate Bill No. 7, An act to amend the charter of the city of Berlin.

House Bill No. 503, An act to extend the charter of the Northern Fidelity and Trust company.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 172, An act in amendment of chapter 51 of the Laws of 1915, being "An act in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905, and of chapter 55, Laws of 1911," relating to state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public

Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 360, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1913, relating to the Rockingham road, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, agreeably to the request of the House as contained in the following resolution:

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations be requested to submit to this House a compilation of the expenses of maintaining the state highway department and of the monies appropriated for all state highways for each of the last eight years, nineteen hundred and nine to nineteen hundred and sixteen, inclusive, and that similar figures so far as obtainable by him for the same length of time be submitted by him for all state departments and institutions not mentioned in the report submitted to this House in accordance with the resolution adopted January 23, 1917.

Be it further resolved, That this same gentleman be requested to embody in his report the total amount of taxable property assessed each of the said years for state taxes, the amount of taxes paid, and the rate of taxation thereon, presented a report containing the information requested.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Lee of Concord, the clerk was instructed to procure the usual number of printed copies for distribution in the House.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It appears that all necessary legislative work may be easily accomplished by Thursday, April 12, *proximo*, therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the present session of the legislature be brought to final adjournment on Thursday, April 12, *proximo*, at five o'clock in the afternoon, and be it further

Resolved, That all reports, bills and joint resolutions pending at that time in either branch of the legislature be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussed ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Mr. Winant of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 457, An act to abolish capital punishment.

The question being on the resolution reported from the Committee on Judiciary, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Ahern of Concord called for a division.

A division being had, 190 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 142 gentlemen voted in the negative, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Connor of Manchester called for the special order, House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game.

The question being,

Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.55 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 35 minutes.

(After recess.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game, was resumed.

The question being,

Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

The question being,

Shall the bill pass?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Curtis of Concord moved that the bill be put back on its second reading for purposes of amendment.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Curtis,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

The question being,

Shall the bill pass?

On a *viva voce* vote the bill passed.

Mr. Clark of Concord called for a division.

A division being had, 277 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 18 gentlemen voted in the negative, and the bill passed and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 2.45 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was called to order at 3 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House took a recess for one hour in order that an address on Preparedness might be given by Hon. George W. Wickersham, former attorney-general of the United States.

(After recess.)

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin,—

Resolved, That the clerk of the House be directed to procure 1500 copies of the address of Hon. George W. Wickersham for distribution.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 4.01 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Beaman of Cornish was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

Messrs. Jones of Manchester and Mallalieu of Milford were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Georgi of Pembroke was granted leave of absence for the day on account of a death in his family.

Mr. McIntosh of Dover was granted leave of absence for the week on account of sickness.

Mr. Pearson of Laconia was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Ready of Manchester was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Stratton of Hollis, Petition of voters of Hollis, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Gilman of Madison, Petition of the Free Baptist Church of Madison, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of 1,101 citizens of Exeter and petition of Walter Baker of Concord, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of Men's Bible class of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Laconia, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Bailey of Lancaster, Petition of 35 citizens of Sunapee, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Finley of Colebrook, Petition of the citizens of Colebrook, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Trask of Colebrook, Petition of the citizens of Colebrook, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Mason of Troy, Petition of the First Congregational church, Troy, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Peterson of Manchester, Petition of the Hillsborough District Lodge, I. O. G. T., praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Peterson of Manchester, Petition of the Monitor Lodge, I. O. G. T., praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the South Free Baptist church of Laconia, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Lewis of Amherst, Petition of the First Baptist church of Newport, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. McKay of Manchester, Petition of George Nadeau and 28 other citizens of Berlin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. P. Tuttle and 28 other citizens of Nottingham, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of George A. Shapleigh and 43 other citizens of Portsmouth, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of H. A. Pierce and 19 other citizens of Keene, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Mayor James B. Crowley and 31 other citizens of Nashua, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of W. A. Davis and 24 other citizens of Groveton, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of David J. Graham and 22 other citizens of Bedford, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of L. W. Stevens and 27 other citizens of Cole-

brook, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Fred Gray and 57 other citizens of Franklin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Edwin H. Drake and 15 other citizens of Rye, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of J. H. Hanson and 51 other citizens of North Stratford, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of J. W. Lord and 54 other citizens of Gorham, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of George Johnson and 28 other citizens of Colebrook, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Harry Reynolds and 61 other citizens of Berlin, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Petition of Charles H. Farnham and 108 other citizens of Dover, protesting the passage of House Bill No. 444, and asking the local option law be not repealed.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bill:

House Bill No. 232, An act to license junk dealers and to regulate the conduct of their business.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House Bill No. 439, An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, relating to the service of subpoenas and other process, reported the same under Joint Rule 6 with

the following amendments, and the recommendation that the amendment be adopted:

Amend the title by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows:

"An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1901, section 1, chapter 63, Laws of 1907, section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1909, and section 1 of an act known as House Bill No. 198, approved March 7, 1917, relating to the fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs."

Amend section 1 of the bill by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. That section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1901, section 1, chapter 63, Laws of 1907, section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1909, and section 1 of an act known as House Bill No. 198, approved March 7, 1917, be amended by striking out the entire section as thus amended and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 16. The fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs shall be as follows:

"For the service of every writ, subpoena for every witness named therein, process, notice, or execution, fifty cents.

"For making an attachment of personal property upon a writ returnable to the superior court, one dollar; upon a writ returnable to a justice of the peace or a police court, fifty cents.

"For taking bail, to be paid by the person bailed, fifty cents.

"For actual travel to serve any writ, notice, subpoena, process, or execution, to be reckoned from the place of service to the residence of the officer, in no case exceeding fifty miles, and for travel to attend any court, by the order thereof, to be reckoned from the residence of the officer to the court, each mile, each way, ten cents.

"For levying executions, on the dollar, for the first hundred dollars levied, three cents; for the residue of the

sum levied above one hundred and not exceeding three hundred dollars, two cents; for the residue of the sum levied above three hundred dollars, one cent.

"For attending the supreme or superior court by order thereof, to be paid out of the county treasury, the sheriff, each day, three dollars; each deputy, three dollars, to be audited and allowed by the court.

"For attending before a justice or police court, on trials where his presence is required, each day, one dollar.

"For making copies of writs returnable to the superior court, each, one dollar, and for making copies of writs returnable to police or justice courts, each, fifty cents. For leaving the copy and return required in the attachment of real estate at the dwelling-house or office of a town or city clerk, fifty cents."

The report was accepted and the amendment proposed by the Committee on Engrossed Bills adopted.

The bill was then sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 19, An act to amend chapter 286 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to incorporate the Errol and Berlin Electric Railway company," reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 496, An act to incorporate the Marlborough Water-Works company, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the first reading of new bills and bills in new drafts, by their titles, made in order.

The bill was then read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 525, An act to incorporate the United Baptist society of Somersworth, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 14 (In new draft), An act to provide for the protection and health of employees in factories, and for the inspection of factories, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 189, An act to provide for the safety and health of employees in factories and workshops, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 30, An act to provide for the protection and health of employees in factories and for the inspection of factories, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 16, An act to provide for the protection and health of employees in factories, and for the inspection of factories, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported by the committee.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 558, An act to provide for the safety and health of employees in factories and workshops, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 485, An act in relation to employers' liability and providing compensation for injuries sustained by employees in the course of their employment, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 412, An act relating to employers' liability, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 339, An act in amendment of chapter 163 of the Laws of 1911 in relation to employers' liability and workmen's compensation, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 319, An act to provide for employers' liability and workmen's compensation, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 8, An act providing for workmen's compensation in cases where the claim does not exceed one hundred dollars, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 559, An act to amend the charter of the Bethlehem Electric company, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 199, An act permitting sterilizing operations in certain cases of mental diseases and feeble-mindedness, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by inserting after the word "physician" in line 5 of the printed bill the following words "in charge of state and county institutions"; further amend said section 2 by striking out in line 5 of the printed bill the words "care or"; further amend said section 2 by striking out in line 11 of the printed bill the word "care" and inserting in place thereof the words "custody aforesaid," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. When either of the recognized sterilizing operations herein referred to may be indicated for the prevention of the reproduction of further feeble-mindedness, or for the therapeutic treatment of certain forms of mental disease, physicians in charge of state and county institutions, having the custody of such cases may recommend to the nearest relative, guardian and affected individual the advisability and necessity of such operation; and when the written consent of the patient, when mentally competent to give such consent, as well as that of the nearest relative or guardian is given, the physician having the custody aforesaid of said case shall call a counsel of two registered medical practitioners—one a physician and one a surgeon—of not less than five years' practice and not related to the patient, whose duty it shall be, in conjunction with the physician in charge of the case, to examine the individual recommended for operation. Whether the person to be operated upon is mentally capable of giving his consent shall be decided by the consultants and stated in writing, with their reasons therefor, and such written statement shall be kept on file in the probate court of the county in which the individual resides, in which event the consent of the guardian or nearest relative must be secured. If in the judgment of the consulting physicians the operation will prevent the further propagation of mental deficiency, or if in the judgment of the medical consultants the physical or mental condition of any such person will be substantially benefited thereby, then the consultants shall select a competent surgeon to perform the operation of fallocotomy or vasectomy, as the case may be, upon such person."

The report was accepted.

The question being on the amendments,

On motion of Mr. Mousley of Langdon, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Public Health.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 235, An act to amend chapter 93 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Scholars," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 110, An act in amendment of chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, motor vehicle law, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 194, An act to protect the public from damage by irresponsible drivers of motors vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 268, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 of Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 15, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of road leading from Lancaster line through Jefferson to Randolph, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 98, Joint resolution for the improvement of the highway known as "The Narrows" in the town of Bath, with the recommendation that the joint resolution be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

The report was accepted, the joint resolution read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals.

Mr. Jenkins of Loudon, for the Committee on State Hospital, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 46, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements and extensions at the New Hampshire state hospital, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 243, An act to relieve members of the police force in the city of Manchester from police duty at certain times, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 258, An act to establish a department of parks, commons and playgrounds for the city of Manchester, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the special committee con-

sisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 386, An act in amendment of and in addition to "An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of Nashua, creating a fire commission for said city," and authorizing the appointment of the chief engineer of the fire department an inspector of buildings in said city, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 385, An act to provide compensation for Grace Trudeau, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The undersigned, a majority of the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 474, An act establishing a police commission for the city of Nashua, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the title of said bill by striking out the word "commissioner" in said title, and inserting in place thereof the word "commission," so that said title as amended shall read as follows: "An act establishing a police commission for the city of Nashua."

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the word "under" in the fifth line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the words "after the passage of," by inserting after the word "the" in the sixth line of said section the words "board of," by striking out the word "commission" in line 6 of said section and inserting in place thereof the word "commissioners," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The board of police commissioners for the city of Nashua shall be composed of three members to be

chosen by the qualified voters of the city at large, voting in their respective wards. At the next general municipal election to be holden after the passage of this act, there shall be elected three members of the board of police commissioners. The candidate receiving the highest preference shall serve for six years, the candidate receiving the next highest preference for four years, and the next highest for two years, and at each subsequent general municipal election there shall be elected one member for the full term of six years, and the members so chosen shall hold their respective offices from the first secular day of January next following their election for the terms above specified, and until their successors are chosen and qualified."

Further amend said bill by striking out in the third line of section 6, the words "city councils" and inserting in place thereof the words "board of aldermen," and by striking out in the sixth line of said section, the words "the city councils" and inserting in place thereof the words "said board of aldermen," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 6. The compensation of the commissioners and all members of the police force shall be fixed from time to time by the board of aldermen and the total amount expended for the maintenance of said police force shall at no time exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose by said board of aldermen."

Further amend said bill by striking out in the third line of section 7, the words "city councils" and inserting in place thereof the words "board of aldermen," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 7. The said board of police commissioners shall annually in the month of February, send to the board of aldermen an estimate in detail of the appropriations required for the maintenance of the police department during the financial year. All of the expenditures from the appropriation for the police department shall be approved by the board of police commissioners before they are paid by the city treasurer."

Further amend said bill by striking out section 9 and inserting in place thereof the following section:

"SECT. 9. Nominations of candidates for members of the board of police commissioners shall be made as nominations of other city officials at large are now made under the terms of the city charter."

Further amend said bill by adding thereto, sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15, as follows:

"SECT. 10. This act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the city of Nashua at a special election to be held on Tuesday, June 5th, A. D. 1917.

"SECT. 11. At said special election the qualified voters shall vote on the following question, namely: Shall the members of the board of police commissioners be elected by the qualified voters of the city at large?

"SECT. 12. The ballots shall be substantially of this form: City of Nashua, Special Election on the 5th day of June, 1917.

"QUESTION.

"Shall the members of the board of police commissioners be elected by the qualified voters of the city at large? (Make a cross [X] opposite and to the right of either the word YES or the word No in this ballot.)

"YES.

"NO.

"SECT. 13. The selectmen of the several wards in said city shall warn the meeting in their respective wards to pass upon the adoption of this act in the manner required for the warning of regular municipal elections. They shall insert in the warrant an article providing for taking the sense of the qualified voters upon the question stated herein in section 12 of this act, namely: Shall the members of the board of police commissioners be elected by the qualified voters of the city at large?

"SECT. 14. It shall be the duty of the city clerk at the expense of the city to cause to be prepared, printed and authenticated, as provided by the constitution and laws of the state and as required in section 12 of this act, a

sufficient number of suitable ballots to take the sense of the voters upon the question to be submitted to them, which ballot shall be furnished by him to the proper ward officers of each ward as required in the case of general elections. Said election shall be conducted by the regular election officers in each ward, and all laws applicable to regular municipal elections with reference to the correcting, revising, use and preservation of checklists, the preparation of voting places, the manner of conducting the election, the counting, record and return of votes, the sealing and preservation of ballots and tally-sheets, and the duties of election officers, shall apply to and govern said election, except as herein expressly modified. The polls shall be open for the reception of ballots in each ward from 6 o'clock in the forenoon until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. The official return of the vote, and the ballots and tally-sheets, duly sealed, shall be delivered by the ward clerks to the city clerk within 24 hours after said election. The city clerk shall seasonably furnish to the several ward clerks suitable blanks for making such returns. The mayor and board of aldermen shall meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, June 7th, 1917, in the chamber of the board of aldermen. The city clerk shall at that time open and lay before them the returns of the votes in the several wards, and they shall canvass the returns and declare the results, which shall be duly recorded by the city clerk. Ten or more legal voters may within one week after such canvass file with the city clerk a petition in writing requesting a recount of the votes cast at said election. In such case the city clerk shall within three days thereafter in the chamber of the board of aldermen open the package containing the ballots used at said election in the presence of the mayor and board of aldermen and such others as may choose to attend. The mayor and board of aldermen shall thereupon recount the ballots and declare the results which shall be duly recorded by the city clerk and shall be conclusive as to the result of said election. Said election shall be deemed to be an election within the meaning of all

penal statutes of the state relating to offenses against the purity of elections, the conducting of elections, and the duties of supervisors of checklists, moderators, ward clerks, selectmen, inspectors, and all other persons having any duties to perform with reference to said elections.

"SECT. 15. The provisions of this act shall not take effect until accepted by a majority of the qualified voters of the city voting at the special election as herein provided and if so accepted it shall take effect for the first municipal election which shall be held after such acceptance."

NOE RICHARD.

JOSEPH LAROCHE.

MICHAEL P. SULLIVAN.

BARTHOLOMEW J. HARGRAVES.

MATTHEW T. SULLIVAN.

GEORGE L. SOUCY.

IRÉNÉE D. RAVENELLE.

EDWARD DELACOMBE.

THOMAS McLAUGHLIN.

AUGUSTE GAUDREAU.

JOHN B. RIENDEAU.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom was referred House Bill No. 474, An act establishing a police commission for the city of Nashua, being unable to agree with the majority, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

ROBERT A. FRENCH.

AMOS J. WHEELER.

WILLIAM E. FOISIE.

HERBERT E. KENDALL.

HENRY C. SHATTUCK.

C. H. POWELL.

T. F. MULVANITY.

Mr. French of Nashua moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority, and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill with the pending amendment be laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, March 27, at 11.02 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

Mr. French of Nashua, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Nashua, to whom

was referred House Bill No. 234, An act relating to service of police officers in the city of Nashua, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out the whole of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. All regular police officers, and all special police officers doing regular police duty in the city of Nashua, shall be allowed one day's rest with pay in every fifteen days' service."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

His Excellency, the Governor, then appeared and laid before the House the following message:

To the Members of the General Court:

In view of the present crisis in our international affairs, I feel it my duty to recommend to you the passage of a bill making available the sum of five hundred thousand dollars to be expended in providing for the defense of both the state and the nation.

The present session of the legislature in soon to be brought to a close, and unless an extra session of the General Court is called, involving, as that does, considerable expense, the state will be without adequate means to respond to a call of the federal government.

The patriotism of New Hampshire never has been found wanting when the national honor and the protection of our citizens have been at stake. Our people already are aroused to the necessity of making provision for the defense of the country, as indicated by the expression of the towns at their recent annual meetings.

I believe that your appropriation should be adequate, and that you are ready to trust the executive department to use only so much of the appropriation as may be necessary to meet any emergency that may arise.

In the event of war, there is little doubt that whatever sum it is necessary for us to expend will be reimbursed to us by the national government.

I therefore ask that you give early consideration to this question, that the action of New Hampshire may be an inspiration to other states of the Union in rallying to the defense of the nation.

HENRY W. KEYES,
Governor.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended to allow of the presentation of a report from a committee which had not previously been advertised.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 560, An act directing the governor and the governor and council to assist the government of the United States in the present crisis and authorizing them to provide for the public safety, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with.

Mr. French moved that the rules be further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The question being on the motion of Mr. French,

(Discussion ensued.)

By a rising vote the bill passed unanimously and was sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. McKay of Manchester, the rules were suspended to allow of the presentation of a report from a committee which had not previously been advertised.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 561, An act to provide for a home guard, with the

recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in its amendments to the following entitled bills:

Senate Bill No. 8 (In new draft), An act for the protection of state roads.

Senate Bill No. 21 (In new draft), An act to establish the North Haverhill Electric, Water and Power company in the town of Haverhill, in the county of Grafton, state of New Hampshire.

Senate Bill No. 15 (In new draft), An act relative to obstructions in state highways.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 15, An act to encourage the knowledge of military exercises among the citizens of the state, and to permit military instruction in the public schools.

House Bill No. 93, An act in amendment of chapter 87 of the Laws of 1915 relating to offences against the national and state flags.

House Bill No. 114 (In new draft), An act relating to public health and safety.

House Bill No. 184 (In new draft), An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to school board.

House Bill No. 257, An act to amend the charter of the city of Manchester to provide a salary for the board of aldermen.

House Bill No. 331, An act in amendment of chapter 106

of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act for the production and sale of pure milk in the markets of the state."

House Bill No. 337, An act to regulate the practice of embalming and the transportation of dead human bodies.

House Bill No. 399, An act to better birth registration.

House Bill No. 518, An act for the protection of pupils in public and private schools.

House Bill No. 526, An act to amend chapter 196 of the Laws of 1899, entitled "An act to amend chapter 204 of the Laws of 1887 relating to the Woodsville Fire district."

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 363 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 141 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Liens of mechanics and others."

House Bill No. 529, An act to authorize cities and towns to pension policemen and firemen.

The message also announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 313, An act in amendment of chapter 125 of the Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 168 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to dividends of savings banks."

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 168, Laws of 1915, be amended by striking out all of said section and substituting therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. After providing for the requirements of the guaranty fund, savings banks and savings departments of trust companies may pay dividends from their net income, but not in excess of three and one-half per cent per annum, unless the total value of the assets of such savings bank or

savings department, as determined by the bank commissioners, shall exceed the amount due the depositors by at least five per cent; nor shall such savings bank or savings department declare in any one year dividends exceeding in amount the net income actually collected by said bank during the year, after providing for the requirements of the guaranty fund. In determining the value of the assets of the savings department of a trust company, the assets in the general banking department of such company, to the extent that the same shall exceed in value the amount of deposits of whatever character in such department by five per cent, shall be deemed assets of such savings department."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Dole of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 500, An act relating to vacancies in the office of judge of probate.

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Strike out section 17 of chapter 182 of the Public Statutes and insert in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 17. Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the judge of probate of any county or the judge shall be unable to attend at a regular term of the probate court, the register of probate shall call upon the judge of probate of some other county in this state, who shall act during said vacancy or inability of the judge to attend. Said judge shall receive ten dollars (\$10) per day and his traveling expenses for each day of actual service, which sum shall be paid by the county in which he sits."

SECT. 2. Strike out section 18 of chapter 182 of the Public Statutes and insert in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 18. The judge so holding court is authorized to do any business that the probate judge for the county could lawfully do."

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 482, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 61, Public Statutes, relating to collection of taxes of non-residents.

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 2 of chapter 61 of the Public Statutes by adding at the end thereof the following: "The proprietors of the *Independent Statesman* shall, after the publication of the first notice, mail to the collectors of the several towns and cities as many copies of the newspaper containing the advertisement aforesaid as there are non-resident taxpayers in said list. And the collectors of the several towns and cities shall mail, postpaid, a copy of said newspaper to each non-resident taxpayer to his last known post-office address. And the proprietors of said *Independent Statesman* shall immediately after the third publication of said sale for unpaid non-resident taxes, and the proprietors of such newspapers in the several counties excepting the county of Merrimack, in which said list shall be published, shall file with the register of deeds in each county a certificate under oath of the publication of said list of lands to be sold for unpaid taxes as appeared by the published list, and the dates of each publication, in each county of this state where the lands are situated. And the several registers of deeds shall make a record thereof in a special book kept for that purpose, and a copy of said record, certified by the register of deeds, shall be received as evidence of the fact of such publication and the record thereof in any court," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Such list shall be delivered to the collector on or before the thirtieth day of (June). The collector

shall, on or before the first day of September, send to the owners of non-resident property, or their agents, if known, a bill of their taxes, and shall, on or before the first day of January following, advertise the property on which the taxes shall not have been paid for sale in the *Independent Statesman*, a newspaper printed at Concord, and also, when property is not situated in Merrimack county, in some newspaper printed in the county where the property is situate, if any, otherwise in some adjacent county. The proprietors of the *Independent Statesman* shall, after the publication of the first notice, mail to the collectors of the several towns and cities as many copies of the newspaper containing the advertisement aforesaid as there are non-resident taxpayers in said list. And the collectors of the several towns and cities shall mail, postpaid, a copy of said newspaper to each non-resident taxpayer to his last known post-office address. And the proprietors of said *Independent Statesman* shall immediately after the third publication of said sale for unpaid non-resident taxes, and the proprietors of such newspapers in the several counties excepting the county of Merrimack, in which said list shall be published, shall file with the register of deeds in each county a certificate under oath of the publication of said list of lands to be sold for unpaid taxes as appeared by the published list, and the dates of each publication, in each county of this state where the lands are situated. And the several registers of deeds shall make a record thereof in a special book kept for that purpose, and a copy of said record, certified by the register of deeds, shall be received as evidence of the fact of such publication and the record thereof in any court."

SECT. 2. Amend section 15 of chapter 61 by adding at the end of said section the following: "And the town and city clerks of the several towns and cities shall forward immediately to the register of deeds a certified copy of the list of lands redeemed, which list shall be recorded by said register of deeds in the special book specified in section 2 aforesaid. A certified copy by the register of deeds of the

lands redeemed shall be received as evidence of the fact of such redemption in any court," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 15. Within ten days after the expiration of two years from the sale the collector shall leave with the town clerk to be recorded a correct list of the lands so redeemed. And the town and city clerks of the several towns and cities shall forward immediately to the register of deeds a certified copy of the list of lands redeemed, which list shall be recorded by said register of deeds in the special book specified in section 2 aforesaid. A certified copy by the register of deeds of the lands redeemed shall be received as evidence of the fact of such redemption in any court."

SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Scannell of Manchester called for the special order, House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor"; and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass?

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 1.05 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 10 minutes.

(After recess.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate

the traffic in intoxicating liquor"; and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use, was resumed.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Duffy of Franklin moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass?

Mr. Alton of Lincoln demanded the yeas and nays and the roll was called with the following result:

YEAS, 172.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Richardson of Derry, Wheeler of Derry, Gilmore, Bell of Exeter, Leighton, Nowell, Shute, Walton, Pridham, Mathes, Priest, Turcotte, Marston, Sanderson, Soule, Bartlett of Portsmouth, Pender, Wood of Portsmouth, Badger, Casey, Downs, Dimmock.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—Reilly, Morang, Wesley, Thomas of Farmington, Chamberlain, Meader, Bilodeau, Maxfield, Murphy, Philpott, Jacques, Lucey, Gaudreau of Somersworth, McCarthy of Somersworth, Perron, Gagne of Somersworth, Cater.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Whitney, Dodge of Laconia, Johnson, Lowe of Laconia.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Stillings, Thompson of Jackson, French of Moultonborough, Hodsdon, Rogers of Wakefield, Goodwin.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Allenstown, Hoyt of

Concord, Curtis, Murchie, Evans, Leach, Wright of Concord, Couch, Clark of Concord, Taylor, Lee, Ahern, Gannon, Burnham, Cunningham, Proulx, Fellows, Balch, Lear, Bates, Freneau.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Eaton, Boisvert, Ellinwood, Childs, Gay, Cole of Manchester, Ryder, Wheeler of Manchester, Berry of Manchester, Boutwell, Hall, Putnam, Libbey of Manchester, Prime, Robinson, Smith of Manchester, Crosby, Dockham, Fairbanks of Manchester, Woodbury of Manchester, Collins of Manchester, Connor of Manchester, Glynn, Harlan, Horan, Kelley of Manchester, McCarthy of Manchester, Shaughnessy, Bunton, Dunnington, Wiggin, Mahoney, Sullivan of Manchester, Donnelly, Parent, Stewart, Bailey of Manchester, Burlingame, Davis of Manchester, McKay, Sayers, Graf, Jones, Newell, Barry, Roukey, Scannell, Grenier, Janelle of Ward 12, Manchester, Lizotte, Provost, Hebert, Janelle of Ward 13, Manchester, Miville, Raiche, French of Nashua, Wheeler of Nashua, Pepin, Richard, Riendeau, Foisie, McLaughlin, Sullivan of Ward 5, Nashua, Sullivan of Ward 6, Nashua, Morse, Mulvanity, Powell, Burns of Nashua, Hargraves, Ravenelle, DeLacombe, Gaudreau of Nashua, Larouche, Soucy, Woodbury of Pelham, Brennan.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Banks, Perry, Huntress, Rice of Keene.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Gould of Claremont, Noyes, Thomas of Claremont, Smart of Goshen, Gardner.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Baker, Shaw, Webster.

COÖS COUNTY.—Aubin, Dupont, Gagne of Berlin, Gonya, Lambert, Letourneau, Burns of Carroll, Finley, George, McHugh, Truland, Woods of Milan, Boucher, Philbrook.

NAYS, 192.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Sawyer of Atkinson, Griffin, Smith of Brentwood, Lang, Gillingham, Sanborn of Deerfield, Horne of Derry, Stackhouse, Bassett, Emerson of Hampstead, Batchelder, Parker, Greeley, Battles, Towle of

Northwood, McDaniel of Nottingham, Hill, Dodge of Raymond, Berry of Rye, Buxton, Haigh, Foote, Barnard.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—McDaniel of Barrington, Bennett, Wendell, Foss, McFayden, Smart of Dover, Davis of Durham, Davis of Lee, Emerson of Madbury, Cole of Rochester, Sampson, Horne of Rochester, Hubbard of Rochester.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Clough of Alton, Cotton, Sanborn of Gilford, Page of Gilmanton, Spring, Seaverns, Sanborn of Laconia, Munsey, Whitten, Leavitt of Meredith, Torsey, Wright of Sanbornton, Page of Tilton, Tilton of Tilton.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Carter, Pollard, Poole, White of Eaton, Leavitt of Effingham, Merrow, Gilman, Blanchard, Smith of Tamworth, Libby of Wolfeboro.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Andover, Hubbard of Boscawen, Clough of Bow, Corrigan, Glines, Keenan, Dole of Concord, Beane, Winant, Dean, Towle of Epsom, Dana, Duffy, Kelley of Hill, Lawrence, Gould of Hopkinton, Jenkins, Adams, Smith of Northfield, Bartlett of Pittsfield, Sanborn of Salisbury, Davis of Sutton, Hook, Colby, Thompson of Wilmot.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Lewis, White of Antrim, French of Bedford, Corey, Stevens, Bartlett of Goffstown, Gordon of Goffstown, Hopkins, Stratton, Brown of Hudson, Tarbell, Crawford, Peterson, Bartlett of Manchester, Nelson, Rice of Manchester, Whitaker, Haseltine of Merrimack, Kendall of Milford, Woodman, Gleason, Kendall of Nashua, Shattuck, Marden, Gordon of New Ipswich, Walbridge, Eastman of Weare, Abbott of Wilton.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Metcalf, Randall, Mason of Dublin, Damon, Symonds, Robertson, Townsend, Callahan, Warren, Wellman, Spaulding, Kimball of Marlborough, Davis of Marlow, Rice of Rindge, Faulkner, Mason of Troy, Lane, Whitman.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Clark of Acworth, Gilson, Bugbee, Rossiter, Gross, Mousley, Nichols, Angell, Dodge of Newport, Fairbanks of Newport, Rogers of Plainfield, Philbrick, Reed, Dole of Washington.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Gray of Alexandria, Abbott of Bath,

Clark of Bethlehem, Conner of Bristol, Robie, Laffee, Sanborn of Franconia, Barney, Goodboo, Emerson of Hanover, Hoyt of Hanover, Bailey of Haverhill, Butler, Keyser, Allen, Collins of Lebanon, French of Lebanon, Haskell, Hough, Alton, Moore, Moulton, Cummings, Kinne, Richardson of Littleton, Birch, Barnes, Morrison, Stanley, Bell of Plymouth, Kidder, Little, Bradeen, Sawyer of Woodstock.

COÖS COUNTY.—Babson, Burbank, Trask, Gray of Columbia, Eastman of Jefferson, Bailey of Lancaster, Congdon, Merrill, Lowe of Randolph, Cole of Stark, Brooks, Kimball of Stratford, Snow.

Mr. Brown of Kensington voting no was paired with Mr. Landers of Walpole voting yes.

Mr. Dickey of Portsmouth voting yes was paired with Mr. Bailey of Windham voting no.

Mr. Carr of Dover voting no was paired with Mr. Marshall of Dover voting yes.

Mr. Ham of Farmington voting no was paired with Mr. Tuttle of Keene voting yes.

Mr. Tebbetts of Rochester voting no was paired with Mr. Pearson of Laconia voting yes.

Mr. Holbrook of Concord voting no was paired with Mr. Georgi of Pembroke voting yes.

Mr. Cutler of Pittsfield voting no was paired with Mr. Smith of Deering voting yes.

Mr. Challis of Manchester voting no was paired with Mr. Qualters of Winchester voting yes.

Mr. Ready of Manchester voting yes was paired with Mr. Boynton of Jaffrey voting no.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford voting no was paired with Mr. Beaman of Cornish voting yes.

Mr. Willard of Winchester voting yes was paired with Mr. Brown of Dalton voting no.

and the motion to substitute did not prevail.

Mr. Babson of Berlin gave notice that on tomorrow or some subsequent day he should move to reconsider the vote

whereby the House refused to substitute the report of the minority for the report of the majority.

Mr. Lewis of Amherst moved that the vote whereby the House refused to substitute the report of the minority for the report of the majority be reconsidered.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Lewis,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 5.20 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 234, An act relating to service of police officers in the city of Nashua.

House Bill No. 243, An act to relieve members of the police force in the city of Manchester from police duty at certain times.

House Bill No. 258, An act to establish a department of parks, commons and playgrounds for the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 385, An act to provide compensation for Grace Trudeau.

House Bill No. 386, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of Nashua creating a fire commission for said city," and authorizing the appointment of the chief engineer of the fire department an inspector of buildings in said city.

House Bill No. 525, An act to incorporate the United Baptist society of Somersworth.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 19, An act to amend chapter 286 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to incorporate the Errol and Berlin Electric Railway company."

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 5.33 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Stillings of Bartlett was granted leave of absence for this afternoon and tomorrow on account of important business.

Mr. Emerson of Hampstead was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness in his family.

Messrs. Raiche of Manchester and Towle of Epsom were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 534, An act relating to the school year and in amendment of section 13, chapter 92 of the Public Statutes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 216, An act to compensate owners for domestic live-stock killed or wounded

in the open season, for deer, by hunters before December first in each year, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by adding after the word "direction" in line 6 thereof the following:

"The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated," so said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. For all domestic live-stock killed or wounded by hunters for deer in the open season, for deer, in any county prior to the first day of December in each year, the state shall compensate the owners thereof. The amount of damages in each case shall be assessed by the commissioner of agriculture or under his direction. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 396, An act to provide for the better protection of useful birds and game by requiring the licensing of cats, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Wood,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Wood withdrew his motion.

On motion of Mr. Wood, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, March 28, at 11.01 o'clock.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 136, An act

to provide for a bounty on red squirrels, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

Mr. Murchie of Concord moved that the bill be laid upon the table, but subsequently withdrew his motion.

On motion of Mr. Murchie, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, March 28, at 11.02 o'clock.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 551, An act concerning the militia, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 61 by adding thereto the following: "Officers now upon the retired list of the New Hampshire National Guard are retained thereon and shall not be affected by this act."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 562, An act to allow the city of Dover to acquire land for an armory, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 208, An act to regulate the storage, distribution and sale of cold storage food, reported the same in a new draft, with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 478, An act to establish a state highway from Laconia to Ashland, reported the same in a new draft, with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 192, An act to establish the fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance upon the superior court, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 547, An act authorizing the town of Littleton to exempt from local taxation new buildings and machinery to be erected and installed by the Saranac Glove company, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 563, An act to amend section 5 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes, relating to sheriffs, coroners and constables, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 72, An

act in amendment of chapter 47 of the Laws of 1913, being "An act to provide for the construction of dams of a height in excess of twenty-five feet under the supervision of a state inspector," reported the same in a new draft, with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

(Mr. Bell of Plymouth in the chair.)

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 274, An act to increase the efficiency of the public schools of the state by granting pensions to retired teachers of long service, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 275, An act to increase the efficiency of the public schools of the state by granting pensions to retired teachers of long service, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 446, An act for the protection of fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the parties have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 312, An act relating to the killing of birds and animals, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the parties have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 405, An act to amend section 29, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the parties have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 290, An act protecting a certain variety of fish, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 480, An act to amend section 48, chapter 133, Session Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 403, An act in amendment of chapter 165 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the fish and game commission, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Clark of Concord moved that the bill be laid upon

the table and made a special order for Thursday, March 29, at 11.01 o'clock.

(Discussion ensued as to time.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Clark called for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared to be manifestly in the negative and the motion did not prevail.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution reported by the committee was adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 237, An act creating a board of fish and game commissioners, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 441, An act to prevent damage by partridges, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 270, An act in amendment of section 17, chapter 133, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 370, An act for the protection of poultry and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 180, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915 relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 176, An act in amendment of section 53, chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 177, An act relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 178, An act in amendment of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 228, An act providing for a uniform open season on wild deer throughout the state, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 328, An act relating to fur-bearing animals kept for breeding purposes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 86, Joint resolution providing for repairs on discontinued state highway in the town of Rye, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 66, Joint resolution for the repair of the state road leading from Rye Harbor westwardly to the Straw's Point road and thence southerly and easterly following said Straw's Point road to the new boulevard or new state highway all in the town of Rye, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 297, An act in amendment of chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, motor vehicle law, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 413, An

act in amendment of section 1, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 422, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 59, Laws of 1893, as amended by chapter 48, Laws of 1915, relating to injuries upon highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.

House Bill No. 558, An act to provide for the safety and health of employees in factories and workshops.

Taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 3, An act to regulate the placing out in family homes and the subsequent supervision of dependent and neglected children.

House Bill No. 322, An act in amendment of chapter 212, Laws of 1913, relating to advertisements during strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes.

House Joint Resolution No. 94, Joint resolution in regard to the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock.

House Joint Resolution No. 95, Joint resolution in favor of Burt W. Dean and others.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 305, An act providing for an appeal from the orders of local school boards.

House Bill No. 366, An act authorizing school districts to provide facilities for physical exercise and recreation for school children.

House Joint Resolution No. 23, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the Effingham Falls and Lord's Hill highway, situated in the town of Effingham.

House Joint Resolution No. 32, Joint resolution to provide for the repair of the road to the summit of Cardigan mountain.

House Joint Resolution No. 36, Joint resolution to provide for the repair of the Mountain road, so called, up Crotched mountain, in Francestown.

The message further announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of chapter 312, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 313, Laws of 1915, relating to the charter of the Walpole and Alstead Street Railway company.

The message further announced that, pursuant to request of the House of Representatives, the Senate had voted to return to the House, House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith Trust fund.

The message further announced that the Senate had passed the following concurrent resolution, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Resolved, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, That we favor universal military and naval

training and service under the direction of the federal government, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted under the seal of this state to our senators and representatives in Washington to be presented to the Congress of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the resolution sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 560, An act directing the governor and the governor and council to assist the government of the United States in the present crisis and authorizing them to provide for the public safety.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bill, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 383, An act in addition to and in amendment of the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers on the board of fire commissioners, in certain cases.

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend Laws of 1891, chapter 153, section 3, entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua creating a fire commission for said city," by striking out the word "February" in the second line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word "January," and by inserting after the word "expedient" the words, "the board of fire commissioners shall also have the sole power to select and purchase land for the purposes of the fire department; and when said board has secured by vote of the board of aldermen an adequate appropriation for the purchase of a specified lot at a specified price, then

said board may purchase the same. The said board and the land and buildings committee of the board of aldermen, jointly, shall direct the construction of all buildings erected, altered, remodeled or changed, for the use of the fire department; and no building shall be erected, altered, remodeled or changed, unless the plans thereof have been previously submitted to the board of fire commissioners and approved by it. Upon the completion of any such building or after the selection and purchase of land, the board of fire commissioners shall have full and complete care and control of the same; and whenever such land or buildings shall no longer be used for the purposes of the department, the care and control thereof shall revert to the city," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. The said board shall organize annually in the month of January by the choice of one of their members as chairman. They shall also choose a clerk, who may be clerk of the board of engineers, and they shall make such rules and regulations for their own government and for the government of all other officers and members of the fire department, also all buildings and apparatus and horses now used for the transportation of apparatus in case of fire (and the said horses so used are hereby transferred to the fire department) as they may deem expedient. The board of fire commissioners shall also have the sole power to select and purchase land for the purposes of the fire department; and when said board has secured by vote of the board of aldermen an adequate appropriation for the purchase of a specified lot at a specified price, then said board may purchase the same. The said board and the land and buildings committee of the board of aldermen, jointly, shall direct the construction of all buildings, erected, altered, remodeled, or changed, for the use of the fire department; and no building shall be erected, altered, remodeled or changed, unless the plans thereof have been previously submitted to the board of fire commissioners and approved by it. Upon the completion of any such building or after the selection and purchase of land, the board of fire

commissioners shall have full and complete care and control of the same; and whenever such land or buildings shall no longer be used for the purposes of the department, the care and control thereof shall revert to the city. For their services the fire commissioners shall receive such compensation as the city councils may from time to time determine."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message also announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 76, An act in amendment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions.

Amend said bill by striking out the first paragraph of section 1 thereof, and inserting in its place the following:

SECTION 1. Amend chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 by adding after the words "state buildings" in the fifth line of section 1, the words "except the state house and the buildings of the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," and by inserting the words "except the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts," after the word "state" in the seventh line of section 1, and by striking out sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, and substituting in their place the following sections 2, 3, 4, and 5, so that said sections shall read as follows:

Further amend by striking out the last paragraph of section 1, to wit:

SECT. 6. Renumber sections 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16, so said sections will read 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of chapter 312, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 315, Laws of 1915, relating to the charter of the Walpole and Alstead Street Railway company.

The bill was read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen called for the special order, House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles.

The question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Connor of Manchester,

Amend said bill by adding a new section to be section 2 and by renumbering the remaining sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, as follows:

SECT. 2. Whenever the applicant for a permit has been assessed for taxation, during the current year, directly upon the whole or a part of the property which has been used in the purchase of the motor vehicle, the assessors or selectmen shall so certify, and upon the production of such certificate by the applicant, the city or town clerk shall issue such permit without the payment of fees, or upon the payment of the fees provided for in section 5 reduced by the per cent of such assessed property which has been so used in the purchase of such motor vehicle.

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Couch of Concord offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment by inserting after the word "current" the word "calendar."

The question being on the amendment to the amendment,

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

The question being on the amendment as amended,
On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.
The question being,
Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen moved the previous question.
The question being,
Shall the main question now be put?
On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.
The question being,
Shall the bill be read a third time?

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative prevailed.

Mr. Woodman of Milford called for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared manifestly in the affirmative and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and when the House then adjourns it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Collins of Lebanon,—

Resolved, That the use of the House of Representatives' Hall be granted to the Military Training Camps association on Tuesday evening, March 27, 1917, for the purpose of an illustrative lecture on the Plattsburg Military Training Camps.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 63, An act relating to motor vehicles.

House Bill No. 192, An act to establish the fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance upon the superior court.

House Bill No. 534, An act relating to the school year and in amendment of section 13, chapter 92 of the Public Statutes.

House Bill No. 547, An act authorizing the town of Littleton to exempt from local taxation new buildings and machinery to be erected and installed by the Saranac Glove company.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.50 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment. The following letter was read by the clerk.

CONCORD, N. H., March 23, 1917.

*William J. Ahern, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, business in order at 11 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended to allow of the introduction of reports of committees not previously advertised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House

Bill No. 564, An act to authorize the adjutant-general to insure property of the United States while in the possession of the state for the use of the militia, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Tarbell of Lyndeborough, for the Committee on Towns, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 565, An act relating to official seals for towns, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Towns.

On motion of Mr. Snow of Whitefield, at 9.35 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., March 26, 1917.

*Charles E. Wendell, Esq.,
Dover, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Concord, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Damon of Fitzwilliam was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness in his family.

Mr. Shannon of Laconia was granted leave of absence for the day on account of sickness.

PETITION PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Gilman of Madison, Petition of two citizens of Madison, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

Senate Bill No. 8, An act for the protection of state roads.

Senate Bill No. 19, An act to amend chapter 286 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to incorporate the Errol and Berlin Electric Railway company."

Senate Bill No. 21, An act to establish the North Haverhill Electric, Water and Power company in the town of Haverhill, in the county of Grafton, state of New Hampshire.

House Bill No. 3, An act to regulate the placing out in family homes and the subsequent supervision of dependent and neglected children.

House Bill No. 15, An act to encourage the knowledge of military exercises among the citizenry of the state, and to permit military instruction in the public schools.

House Bill No. 65, An act establishing a fire commission for the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 84, An act relating to the Memorial hall, Franklin.

House Bill No. 114, An act relating to public health and safety.

House Bill No. 184, An act to amend the charter of the city of Dover relating to school board.

House Bill No. 257, An act to amend the charter of the city of Manchester to provide a salary for the board of aldermen.

House Bill No. 322, An act in amendment of chapter 212 of the Laws of 1913 relating to advertisements during strikes, lockouts or other labor disputes.

House Bill No. 399, An act to better birth registration.

House Bill No. 416, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 35, Laws of 1905, relating to state highways.

House Bill No. 439, An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 80, Laws of 1901, section 1, chapter 63, Laws of 1907, section 1, chapter 70, Laws of 1909, and section 1 of an act known as House Bill No. 198, approved March 7, 1917, relating to the fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs.

House Bill No. 500, An act relating to vacancies in the office of judge of probate.

House Bill No. 518, An act for the protection of pupils in public and private schools.

House Bill No. 519, An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks.

House Bill No. 526, An act to amend chapter 196 of the Laws of 1899, entitled "An act to amend chapter 204 of the Laws of 1887, relating to the powers of the Woodsville Fire district."

House Bill No. 528, An act to change the name and to amend the charter of the Citizens Institution for Savings of Nashua.

House Bill No. 537, An act to authorize the governor and

council to accept a transfer to the state of the title to the Webster birthplace.

House Bill No. 539, An act to change the name of the Sanbornton Baptist association as established by the Laws of 1803, and amended by the Laws of 1807.

House Bill No. 540, An act to change the name of the First Congregational society in New Chester as established by chapter 64, Laws of 1816.

House Bill No. 541, An act in amendment of chapter 188 of the Laws of 1905, entitled "An act authorizing the town of Gorham to establish water-works and sewers."

House Bill No. 542, An act to provide for absent voting by the New Hampshire National Guard and volunteers while in the military service of the state or federal government.

House Bill No. 560, An act directing the governor and the governor and council to assist the government of the United States in the present crisis and authorizing them to provide for the public safety.

House Joint Resolution No. 94, Joint resolution in regard to the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock.

House Joint Resolution No. 95, Joint resolution in favor of Burt W. Dean and others.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 566, An act to legalize the town and district school meetings of the town of Holderness held March 13, 1917, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 14, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the New Hampshire state sanatorium, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution in its new draft read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith Trust fund, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill in its new draft read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow, for the Committee on Forestry, to whom was referred House Bill No. 516, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 155, Laws of 1913, relating to the clearing of lumber slash along highways, as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1915, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Woodman of Milford, the rules were suspended and the bill in its new draft read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 182, An act relating to the appointment of referees for the hearing of civil causes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 567, An act to amend chapter 124 of the Laws of 1878, entitled "An act to incorporate the Holderness School for Boys," with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred House Bill No. 536, An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day, to establish Stark-Sullivan day, reported the same in a new draft and with a new title and with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft and with its new title ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill in its new draft read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 568, An act to authorize the governor and council to acquire real estate for military purposes, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 240, An act for the better maintenance of town highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate at this session and that it be referred to the next legislature.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

The undersigned, a majority of the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 250, An act establishing and changing the present location of the Rockingham road connecting the Merrimack Valley road with the Massachusetts highway at the Massachusetts state line at Salem, N. H., reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

E. O. GREELEY.

A. W. SAWYER.

J. H. COTTON.

JOHN T. DODGE.

FRED J. KENDALL.

E. C. BOYNTON.

JAMES W. PRIDHAM.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Bill No. 250, An act establishing and changing the present location of the Rockingham road connecting the Merrimack Valley road with the Massachusetts highway at the Massachusetts state line at Salem, N. H., being unable to agree with the majority, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

DANIEL W. BADGER.

EDWARD E. NOWELL.

EDWARD J. ROSSITER.

JAMES MARSHALL.

MILTON D. MASON.

JOSEPH G. BARNARD.

GEORGE W. BEMIS.

Mr. Richardson of Derry moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority, and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, April 4, at 11.01 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

Mr. Tarbell of Lyndeborough, for the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred House Bill No. 464, An act to set off a certain lot of land in the town school district of Haverhill and annex the same to the town school district of Piermont, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 496, An act to incorporate the Marlborough Water Works company.

House Bill No. 559, An act to amend the charter of the Bethlehem Electric company.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Childs of Hillsborough,—

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the governor be authorized to appoint a committee of nine persons, including himself, to investigate and report to the next legislature upon the subject of preserving the birthplace of Franklin Pierce.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Mr. Soule of Portsmouth called for the special order, House Bill No. 283, An act to amend the charter of the city of Portsmouth.

Reported from the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Portsmouth with an amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass.

A minority of the committee reported that the bill ought

to pass as amended by the majority, with an additional amendment.

Another minority reported that it is inexpedient to legislate.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority?

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative prevailed.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth called for a division.

A division being had, 269 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 9 gentlemen voted in the negative and the motion to substitute prevailed.

Mr. Pender of Portsmouth demanded the yeas and nays, but subsequently withdrew his demand and the resolution of the committee was adopted.

Mr. Couch of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 474, An act establishing a police commission for the city of Nashua.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass with an amendment?

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, with the motion pending, at 12.40 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 50 minutes.

(After recess.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 474, An act establishing a police commission for the city of Nashua, was resumed.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass with an amendment?

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion to substitute did not prevail.

Mr. Couch of Concord called for a division.

(Discussion ensued.)

A division being had, 217 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 73 gentlemen voted in the negative and the motion to substitute prevailed.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 3.16 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Pearson of Laconia was granted leave of absence for the afternoon on account of sickness in his family.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 490, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1907, and in amendment of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1911, and all amendments thereto and relating to the taxation of savings banks.

House Bill No. 519 (In new draft), An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks.

House Bill No. 528, An act to change the name and to amend the charter of the Citizens Institution for Savings of Nashua.

House Bill No. 84, An act relating to the Memorial hall, Franklin.

House Bill No. 537, An act to authorize the governor and council to accept a transfer to the state of the title to the Webster birthplace.

House Bill No. 539, An act to change the name of the Sanbornton Baptist association as established by the Laws of 1803, and amended by the Laws of 1807.

House Bill No. 540, An act to change the name of the First Congregational society in New Chester as established by chapter 64, Laws of 1816.

House Bill No. 541, An act in amendment of chapter 188 of the Laws of 1905, entitled "An act authorizing the town of Gorham to establish water-works and sewers."

House Bill No. 542, An act to provide for absent voting by the New Hampshire National Guard and volunteers while in the military service of the state or federal government.

House Bill No. 416, An act in amendment of section 11, chapter 35, Laws of 1905, relating to state highways.

House Bill No. 65, An act establishing a fire commission for the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 515, An act providing for taxation of deposits in savings departments of national banks.

House Bill No. 234, An act relating to service of police officers in the city of Nashua.

House Bill No. 243, An act to relieve members of the police force in the city of Manchester from police duty at certain times.

House Bill No. 258, An act to establish a department of parks, commons and playgrounds for the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 543, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 186 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the bureau of labor.

House Bill No. 566, An act to legalize the town and dis-

trict school meetings of the town of Holderness held March 13, 1917.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the governor be authorized to appoint a committee of nine persons, including himself, to investigate and report to the next legislature upon the subject of preserving the birthplace of Franklin Pierce.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to House Bill No. 439, An act in amendment of section 16, chapter 287 of the Public Statutes, relating to the service of subpoenas and other process.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 63 (In new draft), An act relating to motor vehicles.

House Bill No. 535, An act to regulate the treatment and control of dependent, neglected and delinquent children and to provide for the appointment of probation officers, and in amendment of chapter 125, Session Laws of 1907.

The message also announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 347, An act authorizing the employment of prisoners on state highways, preparation of road materials, and in state forestry, authorizing extra good time allowance and providing penalties for interference.

Amend section 7 of said bill by substituting the following for the second sentence in said section: "Prisoners so worked who come from the county jail shall be in the

custody of the sheriff of the county, and prisoners so worked from the house of correction shall be in the custody of the superintendent thereof," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 7. The county commissioners of any county may make arrangements with the state highway commissioner or with officials of a city or town to work prisoners from the jail or house of correction on the construction, improvement or maintenance of highways, preparation of road materials or with the state forester for the employment of such prisoners. Prisoners so worked who come from the county jail shall be in the custody of the sheriff of the county, and prisoners so worked from the house of correction shall be in the custody of the superintendent thereof."

Amend section 8 of said bill by inserting in place of the word "more" the words "not less," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 8. Any person, who, without authority, interferes with or in any way interrupts the work of any prisoner employed pursuant to this act, and any person not authorized by law, who gives or attempts to give to any prisoner so employed any narcotic, or intoxicating liquors, or drug of any kind whatever, or firearms, weapons or explosives of any kind, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of not less than one year and not more than five years."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 475, An act to change the name of the Wolfeborough Junction Fire district, incorporated by chapter 148, Laws of 1893.

Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in place thereof the following:

"An act to change the name of the Wolfeborough Junction Fire district, incorporated by chapter 53 of the Public Statutes."

Further amend said bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The name of the Wolfeborough Junction Fire district, incorporated by chapter 53 of the Public Statutes, is hereby changed to the Sanbornville precinct."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 182, An act relating to the appointment of referees for the hearing of civil causes.

House Bill No. 464, An act to set off a certain lot of land in the town school district of Haverhill and annex the same to the town school district of Piermont.

House Bill No. 496 (In new draft), An act to incorporate the Marlborough Water-Works company.

House Bill No. 559, An act to amend the charter of the Bethlehem Electric company.

House Bill No. 567, An act to amend chapter 124 of the Laws of 1878, entitled "An act to incorporate the Holderness School for Boys."

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Webster of Holderness, at 3.29 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 1917

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Shannon of Laconia was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of sickness.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Abbott of Wilton, Petition of four citizens of Bath, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

By Mr. Dana of Franklin, Petition of 21 members of the village church of Franklin, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 444.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Liquor Laws.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House Bill No. 313, An act in amendment of chapter 125 of the Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 168 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to dividends of savings banks," reported the same under Joint Rule 6 with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the first three lines ending with the words "the following" and by inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 125, Laws of 1909, as amended by section 1, chapter 168, Laws of 1915, be amended by striking out all of said section and substituting therefor the following."

The report was accepted and the amendment proposed by the Committee on Engrossed Bills adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 368, An act

for the protection of trout breeding in the town of Sutton, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 423, An act relating to posting of ponds and streams, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 150, An act regulating the taking of fish from the Merrimack river, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 326, An act relating to trapping, hunting and fishing, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 308, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 133, relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 153, An act to close Rand's pond in Goshen to fishing through the ice

for five years, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 367, An act in amendment of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 186, An act relating to ice-fishing in Mosquito pond in Manchester, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 248, An act relating to ice fishing in Bemisville pond in the town of Harrisville, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 421, An act in amendment of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, relating to fish and game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the parties have leave to withdraw.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 45, An act to close Mountainview lake in the town of Sunapee for fishing through the ice for a term of five years, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 6, Joint resolution for the building of a fish screen at the outlet of Montgomery lake in Whitefield, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 57, Joint resolution in favor of screening the outlet of Mascoma lake in Lebanon, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 65, Joint resolution for the building of a fish screen at the outlet of Walker's pond in the towns of Boscawen and Webster, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 67, Joint resolution for the building of a fish screen at the outlet of Island pond in the towns of Derry, Hampton and Atkinson, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 229, An act in regard to the taking of smelt from the Piscataqua river and its tributaries, the Exeter river and its tributaries, Great Bay and Greenland Bay, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 147, An act providing for the erection of a dam at the outlet of Cherry pond, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by existing statute.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 286, An act to close Great brook in the town of Langdon for fishing for a term of five years, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 431, An act

relating to a closed season for hunting game, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 106, An act in amendment of section 17 (a) of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act to revise and amend the fish and game laws," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 55, Joint resolution providing for the erection of a screen and repair of the dam at the outlet of Station or Kolele-moque lake in Springfield, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first time. The second reading having begun, on motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with. On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Bill No. 448, An act for the better protection of brook trout in the Ellis and Wildcat rivers, their tributaries, the east and west branches of the Saco river and the ponds in Carter's Notch all situated in the northern part of Carroll and the southern part of Coös counties, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 48, Joint resolution appropriating money for a fish hatchery in Lake Sunapee, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 569, An act legalizing the proceedings at the annual town meeting of the town of Wentworth held March 13, 1917, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 570, An act to prevent stock-watering and excessive capitalization of railroads and public utilities, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for a majority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 433, An act to provide an eight-hour day for employees engaged in state or county work, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for a minority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 433, An act to provide an eight-hour day for employees engaged in state or county work, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

Mr. Barry of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority.

The question being on the motion to substitute,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

The question being on the resolution of the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 223, An act to provide a forty-eight-hour week for women and minors under eighteen years of age in certain employments, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 556, An act establishing a jewelers' repair lien law, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the word "six" in line 8 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the word "twelve," so that said section shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Every jeweler, watchmaker or silversmith who shall alter, repair or do any work on any article of personal property at the request of the owner or legal possessor of such property, shall have a lien upon and may retain the possession of any such article until the charges for such alteration, repairing or other work has been paid. If such debt remains unpaid for twelve months or more any such jeweler, watchmaker or silversmith may sell such article at private or public sale, and the proceeds, after first paying the expense of sale, shall be applied in payment of the debt, the balance, if any, to be paid over to the

county treasurer of the county where the sale is held in trust for the debtor. Before any such sale is held notice in writing must be given the debtor of the amount due and the time and place of sale. If the debtor's residence is known such notice must be mailed to his last known street address. If the debtor's address is unknown such notice must be given by the posting thereof, in the county court house or the city, village or town hall, where the jeweler, watchmaker or silversmith resides."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for a majority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 458 (In new draft), An act to prohibit employers from deducting from employees when late for work, more than the exact number of minutes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for a minority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 458 (In new draft), An act to prohibit employers from deducting from employees when late for work, more than the exact number of minutes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

Mr. Sullivan of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority, and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 3, at 11.01 o'clock.

The question being on the motion to lay upon the table and make a special order,

(Discussion ensued as to time.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Sullivan of Manchester asked for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared manifestly in the negative.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority?

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

The question being on the resolution of the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for a majority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 236, An act to provide a forty-eight-hour week for women and minors under eighteen years of age, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for a minority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 236, An act to provide a forty-eight-hour week for women and minors under eighteen years of age, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the word "hotel" wherever the same appears therein, so said section shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. No female and no minor under eighteen years of age shall be employed or permitted to work in any mill, factory, workshop, theatre, moving picture theatre, laundry, bakery, printing, clothing or dressmaking, millinery, manicure or hairdressing establishment, or restaurant, or in any manufacturing, mercantile or mechanical establishment, or in any store or where any goods are made, sold or distributed or in the transmission or distribution of telegraph or telephone messages or merchandise or by any express or transportation company more than nine hours in any one day or more than six days in any one week and in no one case shall the hours of labor exceed forty-eight in any one week."

Amend section 6 of said bill by striking out the words "This act shall take effect upon its passage," and inserting

in place thereof the words "This act shall take effect January 1, 1918."

Mr. Barry of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority, and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 3, at 11.01 o'clock.

The question being on the motion to lay upon the table and make a special order,

(Discussion ensued as to time.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed and the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 3, at 11.01 o'clock.

(Mr. Bell of Plymouth in the chair.)

Mr. Gilman of Madison, for the Committee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred House Bill No. 522, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," as amended by section 3, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1, chapter 41, Laws of 1915, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out the figure 3 in the first line of the title and by inserting in place thereof the figure 6, so that said title shall read as follows: "An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled 'An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor,' as amended by section 3, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1, chapter 41, Laws of 1915."

Further amend said bill by striking out the figure 3 in the first line of section 1 and by inserting in place thereof the figure 6, so that said section shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 6, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating

liquor," as amended by section 3, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1, chapter 41, Laws of 1915, by adding to sub-division 5 the following: "A registered pharmacist who owns stock of the actual value of at least five hundred dollars in a corporation which has been incorporated for the purpose of carrying on the drug business, and who conducts in person the business of a store of such corporation, shall be entitled to receive a license for such store in his own name, *provided* he be otherwise qualified. A registered pharmacist who is a member of a partnership which has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the drug business, and who conducts in person the business of a store of such partnership, shall be entitled to receive a license for such store in his own name, *provided* he be otherwise qualified," so that said sub-division as amended shall read as follows:

"*Fifth Class.* For retail druggists and apothecaries to sell liquor of any kind for medicinal, mechanical, chemical and sacramental purposes only, and for dealers in hardware, paints and decorating materials to sell alcohol for mechanical and chemical uses only, the same to be sold in accordance with the provisions of this act. Any druggist, not a registered pharmacist, who shall have been continually in active business as a druggist for five years, and who employs a registered pharmacist, shall be entitled to a license in his own name under this sub-division, *provided* he be otherwise qualified. A registered pharmacist who owns stock of the actual value of at least five hundred dollars in a corporation which has been incorporated for the purpose of carrying on the drug business, and who conducts in person the business of a store of such corporation, shall be entitled to receive a license for such store in his own name, *provided* he be otherwise qualified. A registered pharmacist who is a member of a partnership which has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the drug business, and who conducts in person the business of a store of such partnership, shall be entitled to receive a license for

such store in his own name, *provided* he be otherwise qualified."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilman of Madison, for the Committee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred House Bill No. 491, An act to inhibit spirituous liquor in no-license territory, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

(The Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Gilman of Madison, for the Committee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred House Bill No. 394, An act to repeal section 27, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, and amendments thereto, relating to the traffic in intoxicating liquor, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gilman of Madison, for the Committee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred House Bill No. 521, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," as amended by section 5, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 118, Laws of 1909, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilman of Madison, for the Committee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 49, An act authorizing administrators, executors, assignees, sheriffs and trustees to sell intoxicating liquors, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 561, An act to provide for a home guard, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the words "unorganized militia" in the ninth line and inserting in place thereof the words "citizens of the state," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"The governor is authorized to appoint a board composed of three members to be known as the military emergency board who shall hold office from the date of their appointment until April 1, 1919, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Said board shall take proper action to perfect and maintain a body of armed troops for military duty within the state of New Hampshire to be known as the home guard. Such troops shall be recruited from the citizens of the state who cannot be held for service in the national guard and shall be called into service only by the order of the governor."

Amend section 2 by inserting between the words "active" and "service" the word "state" so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Said board, acting with the governor, shall make regulations to provide for the manner and form of enlistment, organization, government, discipline, maintenance, armament, equipment, and for compensation of the home guard when called into active service, and do all things necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this act. Such compensation so paid the national guard while in active state service."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 54, Joint resolution to provide for the purchase from the Franklin Armory association of the armory and fur-

nishings in Franklin, N. H., reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 321, An act providing for the teaching of parents and guardians for the necessity of the manner of instructing the children in the subject of sex hygiene, reported the same with the following resolution: -

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 73, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the main road on the east side of the river from Campton town line to the West Thornton bridge in the town of Thornton, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution in line 1 of the printed bill by striking out the word "eight" and inserting in place thereof the word "four"; further amend said resolution by striking out the word "eight" in the eighth line and inserting in place thereof the word "four," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the repair and improvement of the main road on the east side of the river from the Campton town line to the West Thornton bridge in the town of Thornton. The said sum of four thousand dollars appropriated by the state to be expended under the direction of the governor and council. The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted

and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 395, An act to regulate the dimming of head-lights on motor vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 220, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 29, Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 171, Laws of 1915, relating to highway agents, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 546, An act requiring applicants for registration of motor vehicles to file bonds, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 381, An act in amendment of chapter 145 of the Public Statutes relating to strays and lost goods, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 156, An act to amend section 3 of chapter 137 of the Public

Statutes relating to conveyances of real estate, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 548, An act relating to examiners of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by inserting after the word "commissioner," in line 2 of the printed bill the words "have power to"; further amend said section 2 by striking out the words "arrest all violators" in line 4 and inserting in place thereof the following words, "may make arrests for violations," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Such examiners shall, under the direction of the commissioner, have power to enforce all laws relating to motor vehicles and all rules and regulations in relation thereto, and may make arrests for violations thereof. They shall also have in motor vehicle matters power to serve criminal process and to require aid in executing the duties of their office, and shall be entitled to the officers' fees in such service. They may arrest, without warrant and on view, in any part of the state, a person found violating a provision of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 and amendments thereto, take such person before a magistrate having jurisdiction for trial, and detain such person in custody at the expense of the state until opportunity is given to notify a prosecuting officer, if necessary, who shall forthwith prosecute such offender."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 390, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 129 of the Laws of

1915, relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said act by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. That section 3 of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out of the first paragraph of said section the word "ten" and inserting in place thereof the word "twenty," so that said section 3, as amended, shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. (a) A motor vehicle owned by a non-resident of this state, who has complied with the laws of his state, district, or country, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, may be operated upon the ways of this state for a period not exceeding twenty days in any one calendar year without registration, except as otherwise provided in section 9. In estimating the number of days of use by a non-resident under the foregoing privilege, any fractional part of a day's use within this state shall be held to be a day. Every such vehicle so operated shall have displayed upon it the distinguishing number or mark of the state, district, or country in which the owner thereof resides, and none other, until the vehicle is registered in accordance with the provisions of this act. A motor vehicle so owned may be operated also in this state during the months of July, August, and September in any year if application for the registration thereof is made in accordance with the provisions of section 2 and the proper fee provided for in section 26 is paid, and the said vehicle is duly registered by the commissioner or his authorized agent. The commissioner shall furnish at his office, without charge, to every person whose automobile is registered as aforesaid, two number plates of suitable design, and triangular in shape, each number plate to have displayed upon it the register number assigned to such vehicle, the letters N. H., and figures showing the year of the issue. The commissioner shall furnish in like manner to every person whose motor cycle

is registered as aforesaid a seal, circular in form, approximately two inches in diameter, bearing thereon the words Registered Motor Cycle No.——, N. H., together with the year of the issue thereof and with the register number of the motor cycle stamped or otherwise suitably inscribed thereon. Every such registration shall expire at midnight upon the thirtieth day of September in each year.

“(b) A motor vehicle owned by a non-resident of this state who has complied with the laws of his state relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, who has a *bona fide* actual residence in a state granting like privileges to residents of this state, which residence is located within fifteen miles by highway of the border line of this state, may be operated upon any ways of this state distant not more than fifteen miles from the border line of his state, if application for the registration thereof is made in accordance with the provisions of section 2 and the proper fee provided for in section 26 is paid and the said motor vehicle is duly registered by the commissioner or his authorized agent. The commissioner shall furnish at his office, without charge, to every person whose automobile is registered as aforesaid, a metal tag of suitable design, and oval in shape, to have displayed upon it the register number assigned to such motor vehicle, the letters N. H., and figures showing the year of the issue, but no such tag shall be furnished by the commissioner for motor cycles. Such tag shall at all times be conspicuously displayed on the front of such motor vehicle. Every application filed under the provisions of (a) and (b) of this section shall be sworn to by the applicant before a justice of the peace or a notary public.”

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 33, An act to amend chapter 303 of the Laws of 1909 with reference to changing the name of St. Mary's Co-operative Credit association, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 563, An act to amend section 5 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes, relating to sheriffs, coroners and constables, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 545, An act for the preservation of the forests, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, March 29, at 11.01 o'clock.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 557, An act amending section 27 of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 438, An act to amend section 1 of chapter 59 of the Laws of 1893, as amended by section 1 of chapter 48 of the Laws of 1915, relating to highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 277, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 129, Laws of

1915, entitled "An act in amendment of chapter 133, Laws of 1911, entitled 'An act repealing chapter 86, Laws of 1905, and chapter 154, Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law,' as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171, Laws of 1913," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 571, An act to declare houses of ill-fame, lewdness, assignation or prostitution to be nuisances and to enjoin and abate the same, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 254, An act to provide a legislative drafting and reference bureau, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 72, An act in amendment of chapter 47 of the Laws of 1913, being "An act to provide for the construction of dams of a height in excess of twenty-five feet under the supervision of a state inspector," reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter, the rules were suspended

and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 317, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Battles of Newton, for the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Canals, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 98, Joint resolution for the improvement of the highway known as "Narrows" in the town of Bath, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend the resolving clause by inserting after the word "as" the word "the," so that said clause as amended shall read as follows:

"For the improvement of the highway known as 'The Narrows' in the town of Bath."

Amend said resolution by inserting after the word "as" in line 2 the word "the," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of \$1,000 is hereby appropriated for the improvement of the highway known as 'The Narrows,' in the town of Bath, said highway being the main road from Woodsville to Monroe, providing that the town of Bath shall appropriate a like amount, same to be expended under the direction of the highway commissioner and the

said sum appropriated by the state shall be a charge upon the maintenance funds as provided by section 10, chapter 35, Laws of 1905."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Boucher of Northumberland, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 35, Joint resolution for the completion of the highway from Raymond to Plaistow, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, said highway having previously been laid out.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 48, An act in amendment of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, providing for an extension of the system of cross-state highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 59, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Merrimack Valley road at Manchester with the South Side road at Milford, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 83, An act to establish and construct a state highway to be known as the New Hampshire College Boulevard, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 218, An act to establish a state highway connecting the East Side road at Hampton village with the South Side road at Portsmouth avenue in Exeter, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 245, An act to establish the Contoocook Valley highway, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the said highway having been previously laid out.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 372, An act to establish and construct a state highway from Franklin square in the city of Dover through the town of Rollinsford to the Maine state line, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being included in another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 572, An act to establish an additional system of cross-state highways, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time. On motion of Mr. Duffy, the rules were further suspended, the printing of the bill dispensed with and the bill ordered to a third reading. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time. The third reading having begun, on motion of Mr. French, the further reading of the bill was dispensed with. The bill was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Morrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 10, An act relative to state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 116, An act in amendment of chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross-state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 121, An act to provide for state aid on certain highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. George of Gorham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 63, Joint resolution for the repair of the Cherry Mountain road in the town of Jefferson, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution in its new draft read a first and second time. On motion of Mr.

French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 88, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvement and maintenance of state highway leading from Little Diamond pond to Big Diamond pond, reported the same in a new draft, with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution in its new draft read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 72, Joint resolution to provide for the construction, repair and maintenance of the highway between the First and Second Connecticut lakes in Pittsburg, reported the same in a new draft, with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution in its new draft read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 471, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 159, Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 127, Laws of 1915, relating to the forestry department, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 12.30 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

(After recess.)

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 79, Joint resolution relating to the expenses of the commissioners for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Moulton of Lisbon, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 41, An act providing for the erection of a dormitory at the Keene Normal school, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the next legislature.

The question being on the resolution reported by the committee,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Webster of Holderness moved the previous question.

Mr. Callahan of Keene rose to a question of personal privilege.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the resolution reported by the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be adopted?

Mr. Callahan of Keene called for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared manifestly in the affirmative and the resolution of the committee was adopted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 558, An act to provide for the safety and health of employees in

factories and workshops, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Boucher of Northumberland, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 316, An act to provide for a co-operative survey of the boundary line between the state of New Hampshire and state of Maine, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 3 of said act by striking out the word "five" in the first line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the word "three," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. The sum of three thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be used for said survey on the part of the state of New Hampshire when a like sum shall have been appropriated by the state of Maine to defray its part of the expenses of said joint survey and markings."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 83, Joint resolution appropriating money for the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, reported the same in a new draft, with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 188, An act to provide for the appointment of a state probation

officer for women, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the next legislature.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 553, An act for the equalization of high school privileges by granting aid in certain cases, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Moulton of Lisbon, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 360, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1913, relating to the Rockingham road, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. George of Gorham, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 573, An act relative to the unused balances of money appropriated for the benefit of soldiers and sailors who served in the war with Spain, and of money to be raised for the benefit of members of the national guard who served on the Mexican border, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 574, An act relating to the reimbursement of cities and towns which may advance funds for the improvement of trunk line highways, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 17, Joint resolution relating to pay for plans for hospital building at the state prison, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the words "twelve hundred dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "eight hundred dollars in full," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the state treasurer be and hereby is authorized to pay to George S. Forrest the sum of eight hundred dollars in full for services on plans, estimates and for consultations for a hospital building at the New Hampshire state prison."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Morrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 575, An act to provide for meeting the obligations of the state incidental to the acceptance of federal aid in the construction of roads, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Gardner of Sunapee, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 576, An act in amendment of chapter 139, Laws of 1915, "An act in addition to and in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 155 of the Laws of 1909, chapters 158 and 168 of the Laws of 1913, and section 1, chapter 84 of the Laws of 1913," with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 564, An act to authorize the adjutant-general to insure property of the United States while in the possession of the state for the

use of the militia, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. George of Gorham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 510, An act to regulate the grading, packing, shipping and sale of apples, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 10 of said bill by striking out the words "five hundred" in line 2 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "three hundred"; further amend section 10 by striking out the words, "nineteen hundred seventeen and eighteen" in line 3 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words, "ending August 31, 1918 and 1919," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 10. There shall be appropriated from the state treasury the sum of three hundred dollars for each of the years ending August 31, 1918 and 1919, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. So much of said appropriation shall be paid by the state treasurer to the commissioner of agriculture as may be shown by his bills and vouchers of expenditures in performing the duties required by this act."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to Mason fire damage, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the words: "two hundred and four dollars (\$204)" and inserting in place thereof the words: "one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) in full." Further amend said resolution by striking out the

words "one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150)" and inserting in place thereof the words, "one hundred and twelve dollars (\$112)"; also by striking out the words "fifty-four dollars (\$54)" and inserting in place thereof the words "thirty-eight dollars (\$38)," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) be and hereby is appropriated for the payment of all damages from a fire which occurred in the town of Mason on May 11, 1916, said fire caused by burning brush on state land; and the state treasurer is hereby authorized to pay one hundred and twelve dollars (\$112) thereof to Tracy A. Eaton of Mason, and thirty-eight dollars (\$38) thereof to Delmore P. Noble of Mason, in full for their several claims."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 216, An act to compensate owners for domestic live-stock killed or wounded in the open season, for deer, by hunters before December first, in each year, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "The governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant therefor out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated," and inserting in place thereof the words "and said sum, or sums, shall be a charge upon the fish and game fund and paid therefrom," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. For all domestic live-stock killed or wounded by hunters for deer in the open season, for deer, in any county prior to the first day of December in each year, the state shall compensate the owners thereof. The amount of damages in each case shall be assessed by the commissioner of agriculture or under his direction, and

said sum, or sums, shall be a charge upon the fish and game fund and paid therefrom."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Moultonborough asked leave to present a report from a committee which had not previously been advertised.

Mr. Morrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 306, An act to establish and construct a state highway to be known as the Shaker Boulevard, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being provided for by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor"; and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use, reported the same without recommendation.

The report was accepted.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

Mr. Gould of Claremont called for the reading of the bill, but subsequently withdrew his call.

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Ahern of Concord moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Ahern,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Thomas of Farmington moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

On a *viva voce* vote the chair was in doubt.

Mr. Rossiter of Claremont demanded the yeas and nays, and the roll was called with the following result:

YEAS, 185.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Richardson of Derry, Wheeler of Derry, Tilton of East Kingston, Gilmore, Bell of Exeter, Leighton, Nowell, Shute, Walton, Brown of Kensington, Pridham, Mathes, Priest, Turcotte, Marston, Sanderson, Bartlett of Portsmouth, Pender, Wood of Portsmouth, Badger, Casey, Downs, Dickey, Dimmock, Bailey of Windham.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—Reilly, Wesley, Thomas of Farmington, Chamberlain, Meader, Bilodeau, Maxfield, Murphy, Philpott, Jacques, Lucey, Gaudreau of Somersworth, McCarthy of Somersworth, Perron, Gagne of Somersworth, Cater.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Whitney, Morrill of Center Harbor, Dodge of Laconia, Johnson, Lowe of Laconia, Pearson, Whitten.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Stillings, Thompson of Jackson, French of Moultonborough, Hodsdon, Rogers of Wakefield, Goodwin.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Allentown, Keenan, Curtis, Murchie, Evans, Leach, Wright of Concord, Couch, Clark of Concord, Taylor, Lee, Ahern, Gannon, Proulx, Fellows, Balch, Lear, Bates, Freneau, Georgi.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Eaton, Smith of Deering, Boisvert, Ellinwood, Childs, Gay, Ryder, Wheeler of Manchester, Berry of Manchester, Boutwell, Hall, Putnam, Libbey of Manchester, Prime, Robinson, Smith of Manchester, Crosby, Dockham, Fairbanks of Manchester, Woodbury of Manchester, Collins of Manchester, Connor of Manchester, Glynn, Harlan, Horan, Kelley of Manchester, McCarthy of Manchester, Shaughnessy, Bunton, Dunnington, Ready,

Mahoney, Sullivan of Manchester, Donnelly, Parent, Stewart, Bailey of Manchester, Burlingame, Davis of Manchester, McKay, Sayers, Graf, Jones, Barry, Roukey, Scannell, Grenier, Janelle of Ward 12, Manchester, Lizotte, Provost, Farley, Hebert, Janelle of Ward 13, Manchester, Miville, Raiche, French of Nashua, Wheeler of Nashua, Pepin, Richard, Riendeau, Foisie, McLaughlin, Sullivan of Ward 5, Nashua, Sullivan of Ward 6, Nashua, Morse, Mulvanity, Powell, Burns of Nashua, Hargraves, Ravenelle, DeLacombe, Gaudreau of Nashua, Larouche, Soucy, Woodbury of Pelham, Brennan.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Perry, Huntress, Rice of Keene, Landers.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Chandler, Gould of Claremont, Noyes, Thomas of Claremont, Beaman, Smart of Goshen, Gardner.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Baker, Shaw, Webster, Hough, Eastman of Orange, Bell of Plymouth, Brogan.

COÖS COUNTY.—Aubin, Babson, Dupont, Gagne of Berlin, Gonya, Bergquist, Lambert, Letourneau, Burns of Carroll, Finley, George, McHugh, Truland, Woods of Milan, Boucher, Philbrook, Kimball of Stratford.

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ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Sawyer of Atkinson, Griffin, Smith of Brentwood, Gillingham, Sanborn of Deerfield, Horne of Derry, Stackhouse, Bassett, Emerson of Hampstead, Batchelder, Parker, Greeley, Battles, Towle of Northwood, McDaniel of Nottingham, Hill, Berry of Rye, Haigh, Foote, Barnard.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—McDaniel of Barrington, Bennett, Wendell, Foss, McFayden, Smart of Dover, Carr, Davis of Durham, Davis of Lee, Emerson of Madbury, Cole of Rochester, Tebbetts, Sampson, Horne of Rochester, Hubbard of Rochester.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Clough of Alton, Cotton, Sanborn of Gilford, Page of Gilmanton, Seaverns, Sanborn of La-

conia, Munsey, Leavitt of Meredith, Torsey, Wright of Sanbornton, Page of Tilton, Tilton of Tilton.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Carter, Pollard, Poole, White of Eaton, Leavitt of Effingham, Merrow, Gilman, Blanchard, Smith of Tamworth, Thomas of Tuftonborough, Libby of Wolfeboro.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Andover, Hubbard of Boscawen, Clough of Bow, Corrigan, Glines, Hoyt of Concord, Dole of Concord, Beane, Holbrook, Winant, Dean, Burnham, Towle of Epsom, Dana, Duffy, Kelley of Hill, Lawrence, Gould of Hopkinton, Jenkins, Adams, Smith of Northfield, Bartlett of Pittsfield, Cutler, Davis of Sutton, Hook, Colby, Thompson of Wilmot.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Lewis, White of Antrim, French of Bedford, Corey, Stevens, Bartlett of Goffstown, Gordon of Goffstown, Hopkins, Stratton, Brown of Hudson, Tarbell, Crawford, Peterson, Challis, Bartlett of Manchester, Nelson, Wiggin, Rice of Manchester, Whitaker, Haseltine of Merrimack, Kendall of Milford, Woodman, Gleason, Kendall of Nashua, Marden, Gordon of New Ipswich, Walbridge, Eastman of Weare, Abbott of Wilton.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Metcalf, Mason of Dublin, Damon, Symonds, Robertson, Boynton, Callahan, Warren, Wellman, Spaulding, Kimball of Marlborough, Davis of Marlow, Conway, Rice of Rindge, Faulkner, Mason of Troy, Lane, Whitman, Willard.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Clark of Acworth, Gilson, Bugbee, Rossiter, Gross, Mousley, Angell, Dodge of Newport, Fairbanks of Newport, Rogers of Plainfield, Philbrick, Reed, Dole of Washington.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Gray of Alexandria, Abbott of Bath, Conner of Bristol, Robie, Laffee, Sanborn of Franconia, Barney, Goodboo, Emerson of Hanover, Hoyt of Hanover, Bailey of Haverhill, Butler, Keyser, Allen, Collins of Lebanon, French of Lebanon, Haskell, Alton, Moore, Moulton, Cummings, Kinne, Richardson of Littleton, Birch, Barnes, Morrison, Stanley, Kidder, Little, Bradeen, Sawyer of Woodstock.

COÖS COUNTY.—Burbank, Trask, Gray of Columbia, Brown of Dalton, Eastman of Jefferson, Bailey of Lancaster, Congdon, McFarland, Merrill, Lowe of Randolph, Cole of Stark, Brooks, Snow.

Mr. Lang of Candia voting no was paired with Mr. Soule of Portsmouth voting yes.

Mr. Marshall of Dover voting yes was paired with Mr. McIntosh of Dover voting no.

Mr. Morang of Dover voting yes was paired with Mr. Spring of Laconia voting no.

Mr. Ham of Farmington voting no was paired with Mr. Tuttle of Keene voting yes.

Mr. Sanborn of Salisbury voting no was paired with Mr. Banks of Gilsum voting yes.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford voting no was paired with Mr. Qualters of Winchester voting yes.

Mr. Shattuck of Nashua voting no was paired with Mr. Hazeltine of Thornton voting yes.

and the motion to indefinitely postpone did not prevail.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Lewis of Amherst moved that the rules be suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading at the present time, but subsequently withdrew his motion.

Mr. Challis of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 259, An act to establish a department of public works for the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking out the word "fifty" in line 18 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "one hundred," so that said section as amended shall read:

"SECT. 2. A department of public works for the city of Manchester is hereby established and upon the passage of this act the mayor with the approval of the board of alder-

men shall appoint three citizens of Manchester who shall be commissioners of public works, one of whom shall hold office for a term of one year from the first day of April, 1917, one for two years and one for three years from said date and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and in the month of March, 1918, and annually thereafter in said month the mayor with the approval of the board of aldermen shall appoint one commissioner who shall take the place of the one whose term expires and who shall hold office for three years from the first day of April following and until his successor is appointed and qualified and any vacancy in said board shall be filled in the same manner, and each of said commissioners shall be paid a salary of one hundred dollars per year in full for all services rendered."

Amend section 3 of said bill by striking out all between the word "office" in the sixth line of the printed bill and the word "and" in the tenth line and inserting in place thereof the words "during good behavior, unless sooner removed for cause," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. Immediately after their appointment said commissioners shall organize, choosing one of their number chairman and one other clerk and they shall then appoint a competent person, preferably a civil engineer, to be director of the department and to hold office during good behavior unless sooner removed for cause, and said commissioners shall fix his compensation subject to the approval of the mayor. The commissioners shall determine and fix a minimum and maximum scale of wages for each grade or relative position (hereinafter provided for) subject to the approval of the mayor. They shall hold one meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at three o'clock in the afternoon and the mayor may call a special meeting at any time."

Amend section 4 of the printed bill by inserting the words "with the approval of the mayor" after the word "purposes" in the eighth line, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. The director shall have full charge, supervision, management and control of the building, constructing, repairing and maintaining of all highways and sewers, the developing, improving and maintaining of city yards, and the maintaining and carrying on of street cleaning; he shall have the expenditure of all appropriations which the board of mayor and aldermen shall from year to year vote for such purposes, with the approval of the mayor."

The report was accepted and the amendments adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Challis of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 255, An act to amend chapter 291 of the Session Laws of 1913, entitled "An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Manchester in relation to taxation and indebtedness," reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the proposed new section 1 of said bill by striking out all after the period in line 9 of the printed bill, so that the section shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The city of Manchester shall not become indebted in an amount exceeding three per cent on the last preceding valuation for the assessment of taxes of the polls and taxable property therein."

Amend section 5 of the printed bill by striking out the word "fifteen" in the sixth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the word "fourteen," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 5. The taxes assessed on polls and property in said city, exclusive of the state and county taxes shall not in any year exceed fourteen dollars on every one thousand dollars of the assessors' valuation of the polls and taxable property therein for the preceding year."

The report was accepted and the amendments adopted.

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Challis of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 17, An act in amendment of sections 1 and 5, chapter 291 of the Laws of 1913, relating to an amendment to the charter of the city of Manchester in relation to taxation and indebtedness, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Challis of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 29, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 291, Laws of 1913, relating to taxation and indebtedness of the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Challis of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 355, An act to require certain buildings to be equipped with an approved system of automatic sprinklers, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Challis of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester,

to whom was referred House Bill No. 452, An act in amendment of chapter 359, Laws of 1911, entitled "An act creating the office of street and park commissioner for the city of Manchester," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Sullivan of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 348, An act regulating public dancing in the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out the word "special," in line 1 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the word "A"; further amend said section by adding after the word "dances" in line 3 of the printed bill the following words: "but no matron shall be required to be in attendance at such dances. The compensation of such officer shall be fifty cents per hour, to be paid by the party conducting the dance," so that said section 1 as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. A police dance hall officer designated by the chief of police shall be in attendance at all public dances, but no matron shall be required to be in attendance at such dances. The compensation of such officer shall be fifty cents per hour, to be paid by the party conducting the dance."

Further amend said bill by striking out all of sections 2 and 3 and renumbering the following sections consecutively.

The report was accepted and the amendments adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ryder of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the special committee con-

sisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 488, An act to provide for the election by the people of the police commissioners of the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking out all after the word "be" in the third line of said section and inserting in place thereof the words "appointed by the mayor of said city, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen," so that said section shall read:

"SECT. 2. The successors to the present duly appointed and qualified police commissioners of the city of Manchester shall be appointed by the mayor of said city, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen."

Amend the title of said bill by striking out all of said title and substituting in place thereof the following: "An act to provide for the appointment of the police commissioners of the city of Manchester by the mayor of said city, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen."

The report was accepted.

The question being on the amendments,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Bell of Exeter moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Bell,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative prevailed.

BILL FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 208, An act to regulate the storage, distribution and sale of cold storage food.

Taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Mr. Ahern of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 396, An act to provide for the better protection of useful birds and game by requiring the licensing of cats.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion of Mr. Ahern, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, March 29, at 11.02 o'clock.

Mr. Ahern called for the special order, House Bill No. 136, An act to provide for a bounty on red squirrels.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion of Mr. Ahern, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, March 29, at 11.03 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ahern, at 4.14 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 390, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles.

House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in

intoxicating liquor"; and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use.

House Bill No. 448, An act for the better protection of brook trout in the Ellis and Wildcat rivers, their tributaries, the east and west branches of the Saco river and the ponds in Carter's Notch, all situated in the northern part of Carroll and the southern part of Coös counties.

House Bill No. 521, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," as amended by section 5, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 118, Laws of 1909.

House Bill No. 522, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," as amended by section 3, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 8, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1, chapter 41, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 548, An act relating to examiners of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles.

House Bill No. 556, An act establishing a jewelers' repair lien law.

House Bill No. 563, An act to amend section 5 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes relating to sheriffs, coroners and constables.

House Bill No. 569, An act legalizing the proceedings at the annual town meeting of the town of Wentworth held March 13, 1917.

House Bill No. 116, An act in amendment of chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross-state highways.

House Bill No. 121, An act to provide for state aid on certain highways.

House Bill No. 316, An act to provide for a co-operative survey of the boundary line between the state of New Hampshire and state of Maine.

House Bill No. 360, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1913, relating to the Rockingham road.

House Bill No. 510, An act to regulate the grading, packing, shipping and sale of apples.

House Bill No. 558, An act to provide for the safety and health of employees in factories and workshops.

House Bill No. 564, An act to authorize the adjutant-general to insure property of the United States while in the possession of the state for the use of the militia.

House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to Mason fire damage.

House Joint Resolution No. 17, Joint resolution relating to pay for plans for hospital building at state prison.

House Joint Resolution No. 63 (In new draft), Joint resolution for the repair of the Cherry Mountain road in the town of Jefferson.

House Joint Resolution No. 72 (In new draft), Joint resolution to provide for the construction, repair and maintenance of the highway between the First and Second Connecticut lakes in Pittsburg.

House Joint Resolution No. 83 (In new draft), Joint resolution appropriating money for the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

House Joint Resolution No. 88 (In new draft), Joint resolution appropriating money for improvement and maintenance of state highway leading from Little Diamond pond to Big Diamond pond.

House Bill No. 216, An act to compensate owners for domestic live-stock killed or wounded in the open season, for deer, by hunters before December first, in each year.

House Bill No. 208 (In new draft), An act to regulate the storage, distribution and sale of cold storage food.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 10, An act relative to state highways.

Senate Bill No. 33, An act to amend chapter 303 of the Laws of 1909 with reference to changing the name of St. Mary's Co-operative Credit association.

Senate Bill No. 49, An act authorizing administrators,

executors, assignees, sheriffs and trustees to sell intoxicating liquors.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Newport,—

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to procure additional copies of House Bill No. 519, An act to regulate and limit the investments of savings banks.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 4.41 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Gillingham of Chester and Perron of Somersworth were granted leave of absence for next week on account of town business.

Mr. Bailey of Windham was granted leave of absence for this afternoon on account of important business.

Messrs. Randall of Chesterfield and Eaton of Bennington were granted leave of absence for today and next week on account of important business.

Mr. Bartlett of Pittsfield was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

PETITIONS PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Alton of Lincoln, Petitions of the following, opposing the passage of House Bill No. 414:

Congregational church of Center Harbor; First Congregational church of Gilsum; W. C. T. U. of Gilsum; Sunday school and congregation of Congregational church of Alstead; W. C. T. U. of Colebrook; Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Tilton and Northfield; Congregational

church of Webster; First Free Baptist church of Laconia; Judson Bible class of the First Baptist church of Nashua; First Baptist church of Nashua; Women's Christian Temperance Union of Pittsfield; Y. P. S. C. E. of Congregational church of Canterbury; Congregational church of Canterbury; Sunday school of Congregational church of Canterbury; Methodist Episcopal church of Tilton; W. C. T. U. of Franklin; Free Baptist church of Wolfeboro; Congregational church of East Concord; Baptist church of Weare; Congregational church of Webster; First Methodist Episcopal church of Portsmouth; First Baptist church of Lebanon; East Manchester W. C. T. U.; Park Street Free Baptist church of Pittsfield; Adult Bible class of Congregational church of Center Harbor.

Severally presented and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 251, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act to provide for the care and education of feeble-minded children."

House Bill No. 332, An act relating to the salary of the deputy register of probate of the county of Merrimack.

House Bill No. 340 (In new draft), An act to provide for the assessment and collection of an annual state tax for the term of two years.

House Bill No. 379, An act in relation to medical inspection of schools.

House Bill No. 463, An act in relation to transportation of the members of the legislature.

House Bill No. 525, An act to incorporate the United Baptist society of Somersworth.

House Bill No. 534, An act relating to the school year

and in amendment of section 13, chapter 92 of the Public Statutes.

House Bill No. 547, An act authorizing the town of Littleton to exempt from local taxation new buildings and machinery to be erected and installed by the Saranac Glove company.

House Bill No. 550, An act relative to mortgages to secure future obligations, and in amendment of chapters 139 and 140 of the Public Statutes.

House Bill No. 552, An act relating to the school board of the special school district of Goffstown.

House Joint Resolution No. 28, Joint resolution appropriating money for additional accommodations at the school for feeble-minded children.

House Joint Resolution No. 81, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of Tumbledown Dick road in the town of Brookfield.

House Joint Resolution No. 97, Joint resolution to provide for the completion of the trunk line roads: the construction of certain cross-state roads heretofore designated, and to secure federal aid.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to reconsider the vote whereby they refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following joint resolution and had voted to concur in the passage of the same:

House Joint Resolution No. 36 (In new draft), Joint resolution to provide for the repair of the Mountain road, so called, up Crothed mountain, in Francestown.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 385, An act to provide compensation for Grace Trudeau.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of

which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 21, An act providing for a convention of delegates for the purpose of revising the constitution.

Amend section 9 of said bill by striking out in the eleventh line the words "one hundred dollars each additional" and substituting in place thereof the words "such additional sums as the governor and council may allow," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 9. The governor is hereby authorized and directed to contract prior to the session of the constitutional convention for the steam railroad transportation of the delegates, officers and employees of the same. Said contract shall be made in the name of the state and the cost thereof shall be paid from the treasury upon the warrant of the governor. Such payment shall be in lieu of all mileage of delegates and officers of the constitutional convention, and for his attendance each member shall receive three dollars per day during the said convention, except that the clerk and assistant clerk shall receive the same pay as a member of the convention and such additional sums as the governor and council may allow for making up the journals, the same to be paid out of the treasury."

On motion of Mr. Roukey of Manchester, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 344 (In new draft and new title), An act to license and regulate the business of making loans in sums of three hundred dollars or less, at a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, prescribing the rate of interest and charge therefor, and penalties for the violation thereof.

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. No person, co-partnership, or corporation shall make any loan of money, credit, goods, or things of value in the amount or to the value of three hundred dollars,

or less, whether secured or unsecured, and charge, contract for or receive a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum therefor, without first obtaining a license from the selectmen or board of mayor and aldermen of the town or city wherein such business is conducted. Application for such license shall be in writing and shall contain the full name and address, both of the residence and place of business, of the applicant and if the applicant is a co-partnership, or corporation, of every member, or officer thereof; also the city or town, with street and number, if any, where the business is to be conducted. Every such applicant, at the time of making such application, shall pay to the town or city wherein such business is to be conducted the sum of fifty dollars as an annual license fee and in full payment of all expenses of examinations under, and administration of, this act.

The applicant shall also, at the same time file with the town or city a surety company bond in which the applicant shall be the obligor, in the sum of one thousand dollars, which bond shall run to said town or city for the use of said town or city and of any person, or persons who may have a cause of action against the obligor of said bond under the provisions of this act, and shall be conditioned that said obligor will conform to and abide by each and every provision of this act and will pay to the town or city and to any such person or persons, any and all moneys that may become due or owing to the town or city and to such person or persons, from said obligor, under and by virtue of the provisions of this act.

Upon the filing of such application and the approval of said bond and the payment of said fee, the selectmen or board of mayor and aldermen shall issue a license to the applicant to make loans in accordance with the provisions of this act for a period which shall expire the first day of April next following the date of its issuance; *provided*, that if the license is issued for a period of less than six months the license fee shall be twenty-five dollars. Such license shall not be assigned.

If in the opinion of the selectmen or board of mayor and aldermen the bond shall at any time appear to be insecure or exhausted, or otherwise doubtful, an additional bond in the sum of not more than one thousand dollars satisfactory to them shall be filed and upon failure of the obligor to file such additional bond, the license shall be revoked by said board.

The selectmen or board of mayor and aldermen may, in their discretion, upon notice to the licensee and opportunity to be heard, revoke such license if satisfied that the licensee has violated any provision of this act; and in case the licensee shall be convicted a second time of a violation of section 2 of this act said license shall be revoked; *provided*, that the second offence shall have occurred after a prior conviction. The issuance of another license after a revocation shall be at the discretion of the selectmen or board of mayor and aldermen.

The license shall be kept conspicuously posted in the place of business of the licensee.

No person, co-partnership, or corporation so licensed shall make any loan or transact any business provided for by this act, under any other name, or at any other place of business than that named in the license. Not more than one office, or place of business shall be maintained under the same license but the town or city may issue more than one license to the same person or corporation upon the payment of an additional license fee and the filing of an additional bond for each license.

In case of the removal of a licensee, he shall at once give written notice thereof to the selectmen or board of mayor and aldermen who shall attach to the license their consent in writing to the removal.

The selectmen or board of mayor and aldermen for the purpose of discovering violations of this act, may either personally, or by any person designated by them, at any time and as often as they may desire, investigate the loans and business of every licensee and of every person, co-partnership and corporation by whom or which any such

loan shall be made, whether such person, co-partnership, or corporation shall act, or claim to act as principal, agent, or broker, or under, or without the authority of this act; and for that purpose they shall have free access to the books, papers, records and vaults of all such persons, co-partnerships and corporations; they shall also have authority to examine, under oath, all persons whomsoever, whose testimony they may require, relative to such loans, or business.

The licensee shall keep such books and records as in the opinion of the selectmen or board of mayor and aldermen will enable said board to determine whether the provisions of this act are being observed. Every such licensee shall preserve the records of final entry used in such business, including cards used in the card system, if any, for a period of at least one year after the making of any loan recorded therein.

No licensee or other person or corporation shall print, publish, or distribute or cause to be printed, published or distributed in any manner whatsoever, any written or printed statement with regard to the rates, terms or conditions for the lending of money, credit, goods or things of value, in amounts of three hundred dollars or less, which is false or calculated to deceive.

SECT. 2. Every person, co-partnership and corporation licensed hereunder may loan any sum of money, goods or things of value not exceeding in amount or value the sum of three hundred dollars and may charge, contract for and receive thereon interest at a rate not to exceed three per cent per month.

Interest shall not be payable in advance or compounded and shall be computed on unpaid balances. In addition to the interest herein provided for, charges may be made as follows: On loans not exceeding fifty dollars in amount, an inspection fee of one dollar may be collected at the time the loan is made, and on loans exceeding fifty dollars in amount, but not exceeding three hundred dollars, an inspection fee of two dollars may be collected at the time the

loan is made, *provided, however*, that such inspection fees shall not be collected from the borrower for any new or additional loan, renewal or extension of the loan, unless at the time of making such new or additional loan, renewal or extension, a period of at least four months shall have elapsed from the time of making the previous charge for investigation. No charge or inspection fee shall be imposed unless the loan is actually made and no such fee shall be charged on any loan less than fifteen dollars. No charge, or amount whatsoever for any examination, service, brokerage, commission or other thing, or otherwise, shall be directly or indirectly charged, contracted for or received, except as hereinbefore provided, and except the lawful fees, if any, actually and necessarily paid out by the licensee to any public officer, for filing, or recording in any public office, any instrument securing the loan, which fees may be collected when the loan is made, or at any time thereafter.

If interest, or charges in excess of those permitted by this act shall be charged, contracted for, or received, the contract of loan shall be void and the licensee shall have no right to collect, or receive any principal, interest or charges whatsoever.

No person shall owe any licensee at any time more than three hundred dollars for principal.

SECT. 3. Every licensee shall:

Deliver to the borrower, at the time a loan is made, a statement in the English language showing in clear and distinct terms the amount and date of the loan and of its maturity, the nature of the security, if any, for the loan, the name and address of the borrower and of the licensee and the rate of interest charged. Upon such statement there shall be printed in English a copy of section two (2) of this act;

Give to the borrower a plain and complete receipt for all payments made on account of any such loan at the time such payments are made;

Upon repayment of the loan in full, mark indelibly every paper signed by the borrower with the word "paid" or

"cancelled," and discharge any mortgage, restore any pledge, return any note and cancel any assignment given by the borrower as security.

No licensee shall take any confession of judgment or any power of attorney. Nor shall he take any note, promise to pay, or security that does not state the actual amount of the loan, the time for which it is made and the rate of interest charged, nor any instrument in which blanks are left to be filled after execution.

SECT. 4. No person, co-partnership or corporation except as authorized by this act shall, directly or indirectly, charge, contract for, or receive any interest or consideration greater than six per cent per annum upon the loan, use or forbearance of money, goods or things of value or upon the loan, use or sale of credit, of the amount of value of three hundred dollars or less.

The foregoing prohibition shall apply to any person who, as security for any such loan, use, forbearance of money, goods or things of value or for any such loan, use or sale of credit, makes a pretended purchase of property from any person and permits the owner or pledgor to retain the possession thereof, or who, by any device or pretense of charging for his services, or otherwise, seeks to obtain a greater compensation than is authorized by this act.

Any person, and the several officers and employees of any corporation, who shall violate the foregoing prohibitions shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment of not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Any licensee and any officer or employee of a licensee who shall violate any of the provisions of section 2 of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment of not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

No loan for which a greater rate of interest or charge than is allowed by this act has been contracted for or received, wherever made, shall be enforced in this state and any person in any wise participating therein in this state shall be subject to the provisions of this act.

SECT. 5. This act shall not apply to any person, co-partnership or corporation doing business under any law of this state or of the United States relating to banks, trust companies, or building and loan associations, or doing business under the supervision of the board of bank commissioners.

SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect June 1, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, the House refused to concur in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Challis of Manchester, Couch of Concord and Murchie of Concord.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bills, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 93, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 66, Laws of 1899, entitled "An act to prevent the desecration of the national and state flags," as amended by chapter 87, Laws of 1915.

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows:

"An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 66, Laws of 1899, entitled 'An act to prevent the desecration of the national and state flags,' as amended by chapter 87, Laws of 1915."

Amend section 1 by striking out the first three lines ending with the words "to wit" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 66, Laws of 1899, as amended by section 1, chapter 87, Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out the last clause of said section, to wit."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 331, An act in amendment of chapter 106 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act for the production and sale of pure milk in the markets of the state."

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 106 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act for the production and sale of pure milk in the markets of the state," is hereby amended by renumbering section 5 of said chapter, so that the same shall be entitled section 6, and by inserting after section 4, a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 5. The provisions of this act shall not apply to graduate chemists in the employ of the state board of health, or to the glassware and other instruments as verified and used by such chemists at the state laboratory of hygiene."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 337, An act to regulate the practice of embalming and the transportation of dead human bodies.

Amend section 5 by striking out the entire section and inserting a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 5. The board of examiners shall consist of four members, viz: the secretary of the state board of health, who shall be secretary of the board of examiners, and three other members, who shall be appointed by the governor

with the advice and consent of the council within thirty days after the passage of this act, one of whom shall be a member of the state board of health and two of whom shall be practical undertakers and embalmers, and who shall hold office for three years from the date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified. In case of a vacancy due to death, resignation or other cause, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term, in the same manner as in the case of original appointments."

Amend section 11 by striking out in the sixth line the words "the price of which is \$1," so that said section shall read as follows:

"SECT. 11. The secretary of said board of examiners shall at least ten days prior to the expiration of any license mail a notice to such holder of license about to expire under this act advising him or her to that effect, and enclose him or her therewith a blank application for renewal thereof. The secretary of said board shall also mail a notice to each holder of a license under this act that has not been renewed in accord with the foregoing provisions, advising him or her of the expiration of his or her license, and the penalty of embalming dead human bodies without holding a license and the condition and terms upon which his or her license may be revived and renewed. All notices required to be mailed by provisions of this act shall be directed to the last known postoffice of the party to whom the notice is sent."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 15 (In new draft), An act relative to obstructions in state highways.

Amend section 2 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 2. The notice of removal of any such poles

shall designate the location in the highway to which the same shall be removed and such notice, together with affidavit or acceptance thereof, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which such poles are located, prior to such removal by the highway department. The location defined in such notice of any pole so removed, together with the wires thereon, shall be of the same validity as if located under the provisions of chapter 81 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapters 16, 81 and 92, Laws of 1897, and chapter 81, Laws of 1903. Any removal made in compliance with this act shall be at the expense of the owner."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 509 (In Senate new draft,) An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905.

Senate Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2 and 44 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners.

Senate Bill No. 57, An act relating to penalties for lotteries and gambling.

Senate Bill No. 58, An act relating to suits on notes secured by mortgage.

Senate Bill No. 59, An act relative to the raising of money by towns in time of war.

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

Senate Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2 and 44 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on County Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 57, An act relating to penalties for lotteries and gambling.

Senate Bill No. 58, An act relating to suits on notes secured by mortgage.

Severally read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 59, An act relative to the raising of money by towns in time of war.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Towns.

House Bill No. 509 (In Senate new draft), An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90 of the Laws of 1905.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 551, An act concerning the militia, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Couch of Concord offered the following amendment:

Amend the next to the last paragraph of section 4 by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"The draft provided by this section shall be made from the classes hereinafter specified in the following order:

"First class: Unmarried men of the ages of eighteen to twenty-five years, inclusive.

"Second class: Unmarried men of the ages of twenty-six to forty-five years, inclusive.

"Third class: Married men of the ages of eighteen to twenty-five years, inclusive.

"Fourth class: Married men of the ages of twenty-six to forty-five years, inclusive."

Amend the third sentence of section 29 by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Such draft shall be made by order directed to the selectmen of towns in such district, who shall within five days transmit to the adjutant-general four lists, one containing the names of all persons on the roll of the unorganized militia in such towns or cities of the ages of eighteen to twenty-five years, inclusive, who are unmarried; the second containing the names of all persons on the roll of the unorganized militia in such towns or cities of the ages of twenty-six to forty-five years, inclusive, who are unmarried; the third containing the names of all persons on the roll of the unorganized militia in such towns or cities of the ages of eighteen to twenty-five years, inclusive, who are married; and the fourth containing the names of all persons on the roll of the unorganized militia in such towns or cities of the ages of twenty-six to forty-five years, inclusive, who are married."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 58,

An act for more efficient supervision of schools, reported the same without recommendation.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, April 4, at 11.02 o'clock.

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 141, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to forest fire wardens, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. George of Gorham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 393 (In new draft), An act to create a bureau of markets, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 4 of said bill by striking out the words "one thousand" in line 2 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "two hundred," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. To provide for carrying out the intent and purposes of this act, the sum of two hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, and a like amount for the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 371 (In new draft), An act providing for the payment of a part of the damage done by the deposit of anthrax germs in the Johns river, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by inserting after the word "town," in line 5 of the printed bill, the words "or the town of Dalton," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The town of Whitefield is hereby authorized to raise money for the purpose of paying all or any of the damages done to real estate on the Johns river, so called, and to cattle, hay and other crops and property, within said town, or the town of Dalton, by the deposit of anthrax germs or bacilli in said river."

Amend section 4 of said bill by striking out the word "ten" in line 1 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the word "five," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. The sum of five thousand dollars or such part thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to meet the expenditures authorized by this act and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant upon the state treasury, for the payment of the same, upon the advice of the commissioner of agriculture that the conditions hereinbefore set forth have been complied with."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 9, Joint resolution to carry into effect provisions of chapter 132, Session Laws of 1915, and to provide aid for dependent mothers, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the word "fourteen" in line 1 of the printed resolution and inserting in place thereof the word "eight," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of eight thousand dollars be, and the same is, hereby made available for carrying into effect the provisions of chapter 132 of the Session Laws of 1915, entitled 'An act to provide aid for dependent mothers,' in addition

to the appropriation heretofore provided for the said purpose for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917; the said sum to be appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 25, An act establishing a standard of weights and measures, reported the same without recommendation.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Special Committee on the Apportionment of Taxes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 577, An act for the relief of the town of Albany, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 578, An act relating to the taxation of money deposited in banks without this state, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Banks.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 99, Joint resolution in favor of Edward S. Downs, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution

dispensed with. The joint resolution was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 100, Joint resolution in favor of Edward Mallon, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the joint resolution read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 101, Joint resolution in favor of Lewis Soule of Portsmouth, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Truland of Lancaster, for the Committee on Claims, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 102, Joint resolution in favor of George H. Sanderson of Portsmouth, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

The undersigned, a majority of the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 154, An act to amend the charter of the Upper Connecticut River and Lake Improvement company, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

HAYFORD BATTLES.
WALTER H. BEANE.
WM. B. FRENCH.
WM. A. THOMPSON.
H. E. WHITAKER.
HARVEY C. KINNE.
F. J. MOORE.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 154, An act to amend the charter of the Upper Connecticut River and Lake Improvement company, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The Upper Connecticut River and Lake Improvement company, a corporation chartered by act of the legislature approved July 1, 1863, as amended by act approved July 1, 1867, is hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase the dam and property rights appurtenant thereto at the outlet of Second lake, and to maintain and manage said dam and the dam owned by said company at the outlet of First Connecticut lake subject to such reasonable regulations by the public service commission of New Hampshire as said commission may from time to time prescribe and establish so as to completely preserve and protect all public and private rights whatsoever in said lake and all public and private rights and interests whatsoever concerning said dam,—for the purpose of conserving and regulating the flow of water from said lakes for the improvement of driving conditions upon the Connecticut river and for the benefit of water power users on said stream,—subject to said regulations so that all public and private rights in the waters of said lake and said river may be forever preserved and that no public or private right

whatsoever, including the use of said water and said water power may be jeopardized or destroyed by the continued maintenance of said dams as aforesaid."

F. S. EASTMAN.

THOS. McLAUGHLIN.

M. F. SULLIVAN.

I. D. RAVENELLE.

P. E. HARLAN.

Mr. Ahern of Concord moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill and reports with the amendment pending be laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, April 4, at 11.03 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 538, An act reviving and continuing the charter of the Warner and Kearsarge Road company and amendments to said charter, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the first reading of new bills and bills in new drafts by their titles was made in order.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 579, An act in amendment of chapter 30, Laws of 1915, as amended by chapter 60, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in amendment of 'An act establishing municipal courts and abolishing existing police courts,' " with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Couch, the bill was laid upon the table.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary,

reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 580, An act to legalize the town meeting of the town of Frances-town held March 13, 1917, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 581, An act to amend section 7 of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of chapter 312, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 313, Laws of 1915, relating to the charter of the Walpole and Alstead Street railway company, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 582, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 346 of the Laws of 1913 relating to pensions for firemen in the city of Manchester, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and referred to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. McKay of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 583, An act in amendment of chapter 327 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to the city of Manchester, establishing a board of registrars for said city," with the recommendation that the bill be printed and referred to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Putnam of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 18, An act in amendment of chapter 213 of the Public Statutes, entitled "Attorneys and counselors," reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Couch of Concord asked unanimous consent to present a report from a committee not previously advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 584, An act relating to willful and malicious injuries, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 585, An act relating to the registration of information concerning aliens, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 586, An act legalizing the proceedings at the annual town meetings and adjournments thereof of the towns of Strafford and Ashland held March thirteenth, 1917, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 587, An act in amendment of section 8 of chapter 153 of the Laws of 1905, "An act relating to the city of Keene," with the recommendation that the bill be printed and referred to the delegation from the city of Keene.

The report was accepted, the bill laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Keene.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for a majority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 125, An act in amendment of an act regulating the hours of labor for women, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for a minority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 125, An act in amendment of an act regulating the hours of labor for women, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

Mr. Roukey of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority, and, with this motion pending, moved that bill and reports be laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 3, at 11.02 o'clock.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 31, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the hours of labor for women, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Concord, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 3, at 11.04 o'clock.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 94, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915; also in amendment of sections 2 and 3 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913; and repealing section 2 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, relating to hours of work for women and minors, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 by striking out in lines 8 and 14 of the printed bill the words "household, domestic and farm labor" and by inserting in place thereof the following: "household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time, and farm labor," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. No female or minor under eighteen years

of age shall be employed or be permitted to work at manual or mechanical labor in any employment, except household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time, and farm labor, more than ten and one-quarter hours during any one day, or more than fifty-four hours in any one week. Where a minor under eighteen years of age or a female is employed in the same day or week by more than one employer in manual or mechanical labor in any employment, except household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time, and farm labor, the total time of employment shall not exceed that allowed per day or week in a single employment. No such minor or female shall be employed or permitted to work at night work more than eight hours in any twenty-four hours nor more than forty-eight hours during the week. If any such minor or female is employed or permitted to work more than two nights each week for any time between the hours of eight o'clock p. m. and six o'clock a. m. of the day following, such employment shall be considered night work. Mercantile establishments for the period of seven days immediately preceding Christmas Day in each year are, as to regular employees, excepted from the operation of this section, but the total number of hours of labor, for any female or minor under eighteen years of age, regularly employed in such establishment, shall not exceed fifty-four hours per week for the full year."

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, the bill with the pending amendment was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 3, at 11.03 o'clock.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 588, An act to provide state pay for soldiers in the service of the United States and assistance to their families, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 589, An act relative to the raising of money by towns to provide and maintain armories and military organizations, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Sanderson of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 562, An act to allow the city of Dover to acquire land for an armory, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 199, An act permitting sterilizing operations in certain cases of mental diseases and feeble-mindedness, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by inserting after the word "physician" in line 5 of the printed bill the following words "in charge of state and county institutions"; further amend said section 2 by striking out in line 5 of the printed bill the words "care or;" further amend said section 2 by striking out in line 11 of the printed bill the word "care" and inserting in place thereof the words "custody aforesaid," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. When either of the recognized sterilizing operations herein referred to may be indicated for the prevention of the reproduction of further feeble-mindedness, or for the therapeutic treatment of certain forms of mental disease, physicians in charge of state and county institutions, having the custody of such cases may recommend to

the nearest relative, guardian and affected individual the advisability and necessity of such operation; and when the written consent of the patient, when mentally competent to give such consent, as well as that of the nearest relative or guardian is given, the physician having the custody aforesaid of said case shall call a counsel of two registered medical practitioners—one a physician and one a surgeon—of not less than five years' practice and not related to the patient, whose duty it shall be, in conjunction with the physician in charge of the case, to examine the individual recommended for operation. Whether the person to be operated upon is mentally capable of giving his consent shall be decided by the consultants and stated in writing, with their reasons therefor, and such written statement shall be kept on file in the probate court of the county in which the individual resides, in which event the consent of the guardian or nearest relative must be secured. If in the judgment of the consulting physicians the operation will prevent the further propagation of mental deficiency, or if in the judgment of the medical consultants the physical or mental condition of any such person will be substantially benefited thereby, then the consultants shall select a competent surgeon to perform the operation of fallocotomy or vasectomy, as the case may be, upon such person."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House Bill No. 459, An act providing for the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out the whole of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Any person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine under the meaning of this act, who shall operate on, prescribe for, or otherwise treat domestic animals as a livelihood, or who shall hold himself out to the

public as a veterinary surgeon; but this act shall not be construed to prohibit friendly service or advice in cases of emergency by persons not entitled to practice veterinary medicine under this act."

Amend section 17 by inserting after the word "emergency" in line 14 the following "or to the castration of animals," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 17. This act shall not be construed to affect any legally qualified veterinarian in other states or countries meeting regularly registered veterinarians in this state in consultation; or any veterinarian residing on the border of a neighboring state and duly authorized under the laws thereof to practice veterinary medicine therein, whose practice extends into this state, and who does not open an office or appoint a place to meet patients or receive calls within this state; or to regular clients not residents of this state, when called to attend their animals during a temporary stay in the state, *provided* such veterinarians are legally registered in some state; or to simple treatments such as cases of emergency or to the castration of animals; or to the administration of ordinary household remedies; or to the advertising or sale of patent medicines."

The report was accepted.

The question being on the amendment,

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, the bill with the amendment pending, was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 3, at 11.05 o'clock.

Mr. Mason of Dublin, for the Committee on Public Improvements, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 103, Joint resolution appropriating money for the repairing and renovating of the Weare monument and Common land in the town of Hampton Falls, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the joint resolution read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and

referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 590, An act conferring further jurisdiction upon the public service commission relating to railroad rates and fares, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and re-committed to the Committee on Railroads.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 591, An act to authorize the rehabilitation of the Boston & Maine Railroad system and the union of the certain railroad companies, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 549, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 414, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 264 of the Laws of 1893, relating to the playing of ball and other games, and authorizing amateur baseball playing on Sunday, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 414, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 264 of the Laws of 1893, relating to the playing of ball and other games, and authorizing amateur baseball playing on Sunday, reported the same in a new draft with a new title and with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft and with its new title ought to pass.

JAMES L. GLYNN.

FERDINAND FARLEY.

RICHARD E. SHUTE.

WM. G. DUPONT.

Mr. McKay of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority and, with this motion pending, moved that the bill be laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, April 5, at 11.01 a. m., meanwhile the bill in its new draft to be printed.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Callahan of Keene offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The State of New Hampshire has granted various valuable franchises to carry on and operate railroads, and has permitted the said franchises to be consolidated under the control of the Boston and Maine railroad so as practically to create a monopoly of the transportation facilities of northern New England, and

WHEREAS, The prosperity of communities through which the railroads pass, and of the railroads are to a large degree mutually dependent, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives believes that the construction and repair work of the railroad systems doing business in New Hampshire should be done within New Hampshire, and that the House of Representatives views with regret the action of the Boston and Maine railroad in removing a large part of the construction and repair

department from New Hampshire to Massachusetts, and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads is hereby requested to consider whether either in connection with the proposed reorganization of the Boston and Maine railroad or by separate legislation, effective action may not be taken to insure that a fair proportion of the construction and repair work originating upon the railroad systems doing business in New Hampshire shall be done in New Hampshire.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this afternoon it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and when the House then adjourns it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Newport,—

Resolved, That the Committee on Railroads be authorized to incur the expense of having a stenographic report of its hearings on the railroad reorganization matter.

Mr. Putnam of Manchester offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker be and hereby is authorized and instructed to appoint a special recess committee of five members of the House to make a study of the subject-matters of workingmen's compensation and health insurance, which committee is hereby directed to make a report of its findings with recommendations based upon its conclusions, to the Speaker of the next House.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 12.45 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

(After recess.)

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 233, An act in amendment of section 4, chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by the Laws of 1915, chapter 129, section 4, and providing for the notice of loans of motor vehicles in certain cases, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter being covered by another bill favorably reported.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 2, An act in amendment of chapter 189 of the Public Statutes relating to inventory and accounts of administrators, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on State House and State House Yard, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 50, Joint resolution for repairs and for cleaning the outside walls of the state house and the monuments in the state house yard, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Tarbell of Lyndeborough, for the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred House Bill No. 530, An act to restore the real estate of Frank Dearborn to the town of Lee for school purposes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Tarbell of Lyndeborough, for the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred House Bill No. 565, An act relating to official seals for towns, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Poole of Conway, for the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House Bill No. 514, An act to more effectively restrain agreements to regulate and fix prices of commodities in this state and to restrain combinations and monopolies in commodities and provide penalties therefor, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out the whole of sections 7 and 8 and inserting in place thereof the following sections:

"SECT. 7. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed to forbid the existence and operation of labor, agriculture, or horticultural organizations, instituted for the purposes of mutual help and not having capital stock or conducted for profit, or to forbid or restrain individual members of such organizations from lawfully carrying out the legitimate objects thereof; nor shall such organizations, or members thereof, be held or considered to be illegal trusts or conspiracies against trade, under this act.

"SECT. 8. Nothing in this act shall be construed as repealing any other act, or part of an act, except acts, or parts of acts, if any there be, as are inconsistent herewith.

"SECT. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Poole of Conway, for the Committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House Bill No. 512, An act to provide for investigation by the attorney-general of the rise in prices of the necessities of life, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Couch of Concord asked unanimous consent to present a report from a committee not previously advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 592, An act to provide for the appointment of temporary heads of state departments in case of incapacity by reason of illness or otherwise, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 536, An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day and to establish Stark-Sullivan day.

House Bill No. 516, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 155, Laws of 1913, relating to the clearing of lumber slash along highways, as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1915.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield called for the special order, House Bill No. 545, An act for the preservation of the forests.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the bill was recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Ahern of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 396, An act to provide for the better protection of useful birds and game by requiring the licensing of cats.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

Mr. Curtis of Concord offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding at the end of section 3, "the owners of cats licensed under this act shall receive a bounty of two cents each for every rat and mouse killed by such licensed cats, upon the production of the heads of the rats and mice produced by the owner or owners of said cats. The treasurer of the city or town shall pay this amount to the owners producing the head of said rats out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The question being on the amendment,

Mr. Pearson of Laconia offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Strike out in the fourth and sixth lines of the amendment the word "heads" and insert in place thereof the word "tails," so that the amendment will read:

Amend by adding at the end of section 3, "the owners of cats licensed under this act shall receive a bounty of two cents each for every rat and mouse killed by such licensed cats, upon the production of the tails of the rats and mice produced by the owner or owners of said cats. The treasurer of the city or town shall pay this amount to the owners producing the tails of said rats out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The question being on the amendment to the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Woodman of Milford moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Woodman withdrew his motion.

Mr. Pearson withdrew his amendment to the amendment.

Mr. Curtis withdrew his amendment.

The question being

Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Pridham of Newcastle moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed, but subsequently withdrew his motion.

Mr. Lowe of Randolph offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "fifty cents" in line 7 of the printed bill and insert in place thereof the words "fifteen cents"; also further amend said bill by striking out in line 7 of the printed bill the words "one dollar" and insert in place thereof the words "twenty-five cents."

The question being on the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Bunton of Manchester moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone,

Mr. Lowe of Randolph called for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared manifestly in the affirmative and the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

Mr. Couch called for the special order, House Bill No. 136, An act to provide for a bounty on red squirrels.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time.

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Eastman of Jefferson moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On a *viva voce* vote the negative prevailed.

Mr. Lowe of Randolph called for a division.

A division being had, 84 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 114 gentlemen voted in the negative and a quorum of the House not being present, the House stood adjourned at 3.05 o'clock, and the bill went over into unfinished business.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Joint Resolution No. 9, Joint resolution to carry into effect provisions of chapter 132, Session Laws of 1915, and to provide aid for dependent mothers.

House Bill No. 141, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to forest fire wardens.

House Bill No. 371 (In new draft), An act providing for the payment of a part of the damage done by the deposit of anthrax germs in the Johns river.

House Bill No. 393 (In new draft), An act to create a bureau of markets.

House Bill No. 512, An act to provide for investigation by the attorney-general of the rise in prices of the necessities of life.

House Bill No. 514, An act to more effectively restrain agreements to regulate and fix prices of commodities in this state and to restrain combinations and monopolies in commodities and provide penalties therefor.

House Bill No. 516 (In new draft), An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 155, Laws of 1913, relating to the clearing of lumber slash along highways, as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 530, An act to restore the real estate of Frank Dearborn to the town of Lee for school purposes.

House Bill No. 536 (In new draft and new title), An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day and to establish Stark-Sullivan day.

House Bill No. 538, An act reviving and continuing the charter of the Warner and Kearsarge Road company and amendments to said charter.

House Bill No. 549, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles.

House Bill No. 562, An act to allow the city of Dover to acquire land for an armory.

House Bill No. 565, An act relating to official seals for towns.

House Bill No. 580, An act to legalize the town meeting of the town of Frankestown held March 13, 1917.

House Bill No. 584, An act relating to willful and malicious injuries.

House Bill No. 585, An act relating to the registration of information concerning aliens.

House Bill No. 586, An act legalizing the proceedings at the annual town meetings and adjournments thereof of the towns of Strafford and Ashland held March 13, 1917.

House Bill No. 592, An act to provide for the appointment of temporary heads of state departments in case of incapacity by reason of illness or otherwise.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 2, An act in amendment of chapter 189 of the Public Statutes relating to inventory and accounts of administrators.

Senate Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of chapter 312, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 313, Laws of 1915, relating to the charter of the Walpole and Alstead Street Railway company.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the

House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 255, An act to amend chapter 291 of the Session Laws of 1913, entitled "An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Manchester in relation to taxation and indebtedness."

House Bill No. 259, An act to establish a department of public works for the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 316, An act to provide for a co-operative survey of the boundary line between the state of New Hampshire and state of Maine.

House Bill No. 551, An act concerning the militia.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 192, An act to establish the fees of sheriffs and deputy sheriffs for attendance upon the superior court.

House Bill No. 289, An act in amendment of chapter 76 of the Laws of 1897, entitled "An act in relation to hawkers and peddlers," and all acts and parts of acts amendatory thereto.

House Bill No. 418, An act to govern the distribution of fines collected for violation of the motor vehicle laws.

House Bill No. 554, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Session Laws of 1903, chapter 22, Laws of 1907, chapter 83, Laws of 1909, and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 213, An act to prevent the pollution of the Ellis and Wildeat rivers and their tributaries.

Amend section 2 by striking out the whole of section 2, and inserting in the place thereof the following:

"SECT. 2. Whoever violates any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred (100) dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding one month."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 386, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua creating a fire commission for said city," and authorizing the appointment of the chief engineer of the fire department an inspector of buildings in said city.

Strike out all after the enacting clause and substitute in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend the Laws of 1891, chapter 153, section 1, entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua creating a fire commission for said city," by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following, to be known as section 1:

"SECTION 1. The fire department of the city of Nashua shall consist of a board of three fire commissioners, a chief engineer who shall have control of the fire alarm telegraph, a deputy chief engineer, and such other officers, engine men and other members as the board of fire commissioners may deem necessary, not exceeding one hundred and forty men. The board of aldermen may appoint the chief engineer inspector of buildings, with all the powers and duties relating thereto conferred and imposed by law."

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances, and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds.

Amend section 2 by striking out in line four the words "equal annual payments" and inserting the words "annual payments so that the amount of the annual payment in any year on account of any debt shall not be less than the amount of the principal payable in any subsequent year," and by striking out in line eight the words "debt is incurred" and inserting instead the words "date of the bonds or notes issued therefor," so that section 2 as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Municipalities and counties shall hereafter provide for the payment of all debts except temporary loans in anticipation of taxes made as provided by law, in annual payments so that the amount of the annual payment in any year on account of any debt shall not be less than the amount of the principal payable in any subsequent year. The total amount of such payments shall be sufficient to extinguish the entire debt on account of which they are made at maturity, and the first payment shall be made not later than two years after the date of the bonds or notes issued therefor. The amount of each payment of principal, together with the interest on all debts shall, without vote of the municipality or county, be annually assessed and collected."

Amend section 7 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 7. Counties, cities and towns shall not incur debt to an amount exceeding three per cent; school districts shall not incur debt to an amount exceeding two per cent; and precincts shall not incur debt to an amount exceeding one per cent of their last assessed valuation; *provided, however*, that loans in anticipation of taxes, as now authorized by law, may be made, and debts for supplying the inhabitants with water may be incurred outside of the limit of

indebtedness. Whenever several municipal corporations possessing power to incur debt are identical with the town itself or cover or extend over identical territory or portions thereof, the town embracing such municipal corporations in one entity, and each of such municipal corporations shall so exercise this power to increase its debt under the foregoing limitations that the aggregate debt of the town and of its municipal corporations over and upon any territory of this state shall not exceed six per cent of the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein. In ascertaining the net debt of municipalities and counties sinking funds and cash applicable solely to the payment of the principal of their debt incurred within the debt limit, shall be deducted. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to abrogate or repeal the provisions of sections 1 and 4 of this act. Municipalities which have at the time this act takes effect, outstanding indebtedness equal to three per cent of their last assessed valuation shall not incur additional indebtedness until such outstanding debt shall be brought within the debt limit, except as provided above.

"The legality of debts heretofore contracted or authorized shall not be affected by this act, and this act shall not apply in time of war to debts contracted for war purposes."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 473, An act relating to harvesting ice on public waters.

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. That hereafter any person or corporation harvesting ice upon any of the public waters of this state shall mark with suitable markers the area from which ice is to be taken at beginning of harvest, and shall maintain such markers as long as any danger exists."

On motion of Mr. Nelson of Manchester, the House con-

curred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following bills, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 482, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 61, Public Statutes, relating to collection of taxes of non-residents.

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows:

"An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 61, Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 15, Laws of 1893, relating to collection of taxes of non-residents."

Amend section 1 by striking out the first two lines ending with the words "the following" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Amend section 2, chapter 61, Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 15, Laws of 1893, by adding at the end thereof the following."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 490, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1907, and in amendment of chapter 194 of the Laws of 1911 and all amendments thereto and relating to the taxation of savings banks.

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows:

"An act in amendment of sections 4 and 5 of chapter 65 of the Public Statutes and all amendments thereof and relating to the taxation of savings banks."

Amend the act by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 4, chapter 65 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 108, Laws of 1895, section 1, chapter 82, Laws of 1901, section 1, chapter 102, Laws of 1907, section 1, chapter 112, Laws of 1913 and section 1, chapter 83, Laws of 1915, by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 4. The treasurer of every savings bank, trust company, loan and trust company, loan and banking company, building and loan association and other similar corporation organized under the laws of this state shall, on or before the first day of May in each year, transmit to the state treasurer, upon blanks to be furnished by him, a statement, under oath of the following facts as they existed on the first day of April in such year:

"The amount of all savings and special deposits on which the corporation pays interest and of its capital stock belonging to residents of each town in the state, including all dividends that have been declared thereon and not paid; the value of the interest of such residents in all the real estate of the corporation wherever situated, and all the loans of the corporation secured by mortgage upon real estate situated in this state, made at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, and the amount invested in the bonds and notes of this state or any of the counties, municipalities, school districts and village precincts of this state, *provided* such bonds and notes bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, and the amount invested in United States bonds, and in the bonds issued under the provisions of the federal farm loan act, if it were divided proportionately among all depositors of the corporation; the difference between the two sums for each town; and the same facts in relation to depositors and stockholders who do not reside in the state or whose residence is unknown."

SECT. 2. Amend section 5, chapter 65 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 2, chapter 194, Laws of

1911, and amended by section 1, chapter 112, Laws of 1913, and by section 1, chapter 83, Laws of 1915, by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 5. Every such corporation, except building and loan associations, organized under the provisions of the Public Statutes, shall pay to the state treasurer annually, on the first day of October, an excise tax for the privilege of conducting the business of a savings bank or other such corporation, equal in amount to three-fourths of one per cent upon the amount of the savings deposits on which it pays interest, after deducting the value of all its real estate wherever situated and the value of all its loans secured by mortgage upon real estate situated in this state made at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum; and the amount invested in bonds or notes of this state or any of the counties, municipalities, school districts or village precincts of this state, *provided* such bonds and notes bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per cent per annum, and the amount invested in United States bonds and in the bonds issued under the provisions of the federal farm loan act; and every guaranty savings bank, trust company, loan and trust company, loan and banking company, and all other similar corporations, except building and loan associations, shall in addition pay a further excise tax for the privilege of conducting such business, equal in amount to one per cent annually upon its special deposits or capital stock after deducting the value of all real estate owned by the corporation and not already deducted from the amount of its general deposits as hereinbefore provided."

On motion of Mr. Dole of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 55, An act in amendment of section 13 of chapter 219 of the Public Statutes relating to the service of legal process.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 55, An act in amendment of section 13 of chapter 219 of the Public Statutes relating to the service of legal process.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Plymouth,—

Resolved, That the clerk be authorized to procure an additional supply of House Bill No. 508, An act relating to fish and game.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, at 3.34 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., March 30, 1917.

*William J. Ahern, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, at 9.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

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MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., April 2, 1917.

*Charles F. Emerson, Esq.,
Hanover, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Wendell of Dover, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.
Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Eastman of Orange, Corey of Brookline, Kendall of Milford and Dimmock of Sandown were granted leave of absence for the week on account of important business.

Messrs. Lear of Newbury and Boutwell of Manchester were granted leave of absence for Tuesday and Wednesday on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

House Bill No. 515, An act providing for taxation of deposits in the savings departments of national banks.

Senate Bill No. 10, An act relative to town highways.

Senate Bill No. 33, An act to amend chapter 303 of the Laws of 1909 with reference to changing the name of St. Mary's Co-operative Credit association.

Senate Bill No. 49, An act authorizing administrators, executors, assignees, sheriffs and trustees to sell intoxicating liquors.

House Bill No. 21, An act providing for a convention of delegates for the purpose of revising the constitution.

House Bill No. 76, An act in amendment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions.

House Bill No. 93, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 66, Laws of 1899, entitled "An act to prevent the desecration of the national and state flags," as amended by chapter 87, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 234, An act relating to service of police officers in the city of Nashua.

House Bill No. 255, An act to amend chapter 291 of the Session Laws of 1913, entitled "An act in amendment of the charter of the city of Manchester in relation to taxation and indebtedness."

House Bill No. 331, An act in amendment of chapter 106 of the Laws of 1901, entitled "An act for the production and sale of pure milk in the markets of the state."

House Bill No. 332, An act relating to the salary of the deputy register of probate of the county of Merrimack.

House Bill No. 337, An act to regulate the practice of embalming and the transportation of dead human bodies.

House Bill No. 340, An act to provide for the assessment and collection of an annual state tax for the term of two years.

House Bill No. 347, An act authorizing the employment of prisoners on state highways, preparation of road materials, and in state forestry, authorizing extra good time allowance and providing penalties for interference.

House Bill No. 379, An act in relation to medical inspection of schools.

House Bill No. 383, An act in addition to and in amendment of the charter of the city of Nashua, conferring additional powers on the board of fire commissioners of said city, in certain cases.

House Bill No. 463, An act in relation to transportation of the members of the legislature.

House Bill No. 475, An act to change the name of the Wolfeborough Junction Fire district, incorporated under chapter 53 of the Public Statutes.

House Bill No. 525, An act to incorporate the United Baptist society of Somersworth.

House Bill No. 547, An act authorizing the town of Littleton to exempt from local taxation new buildings and machinery to be erected and installed by the Saranac Glove company.

House Bill No. 550, An act relative to mortgages to secure future obligations and in amendment of chapters 139 and 140 of the Public Statutes.

House Bill No. 552, An act relating to the school board of the special school district of Goffstown.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution relating to the state gun house at Portsmouth.

House Joint Resolution No. 28, Joint resolution appropriating money for additional accommodations at the school for feeble-minded children.

House Joint Resolution No. 97, Joint resolution to provide for the completion of the trunk line roads: the construction of certain cross-state roads heretofore designated, and to secure federal aid.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Gilman of Madison, for the Committee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred House Bill No. 456, An act in amendment of chapter 129 of the Session Laws of 1913 relating to intoxicating liquor, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gilman of Madison, for the Committee on Liquor Laws, to whom was referred House Bill No. 462, An act in amendment of section 14 of chapter 95 of the Session Laws of 1903 relating to intoxicating liquor, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Marshall of Dover, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the county of Strafford, to whom was referred House Bill No. 168, An act to provide for the freeing of Eliot toll bridge and authorize Strafford county to maintain that part lying within said county, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Murchie of Concord, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Concord, to whom was referred House Bill No. 123, An act to equalize school privileges in the city of Concord, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Moultonborough asked unanimous consent to allow of the presentation of a report from a committee not previously advertised.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for a majority of the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 25, An act establishing a standard of weights and measures, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, April 4, at 11.04 o'clock.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 72 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 47 of the Laws of 1913, being "An act to provide for the construction of dams of a height in excess of twenty-five feet under the supervision of a state inspector."

Taken from the table.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 10, at 11.01 o'clock.

House Bill No. 570, An act to prevent stock-watering and excessive capitalization of railroads and public utilities.

House Bill No. 573, An act relative to the unused balances of money appropriated for the benefit of soldiers and sailors who served in the war with Spain, and of money to be raised for the benefit of members of the National Guard who served on the Mexican border.

House Bill No. 574, An act relating to the reimbursement of cities and towns which may advance funds for the improvement of trunk line highways.

House Bill No. 575, An act to provide for meeting the obligations of the state incidental to the acceptance of federal aid in the construction of roads.

House Bill No. 576, An act in amendment of chapter 139, Laws of 1915, "An act in addition to and in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 155 of the Laws of 1909, chapters 158 and 168 of the Laws of 1913, and section 1, chapter 84 of the Laws of 1913."

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, House Bill No. 570, An act to prevent stock-watering and excessive capitalization of railroads and public utilities, was put back upon its second reading.

Mr. Couch offered the following amendment:

Amend said bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The public service commission shall have no power to authorize the capitalization, directly or indirectly, of any franchise to be a corporation or of any franchise or any right to own, operate or enjoy any franchise whatever in excess of the amount (exclusive of any tax or annual charge) actually paid to the state or to a political subdivision thereof as a consideration for the grant of such franchise or right, all such franchises, rights and privileges being granted in the public interest only, and not justly subject to capitalization against the public.

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and House Bill No. 123, An act to equalize school privileges in the city of Concord, was made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

RECONSIDERATION.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the vote whereby the House concurred in the amendments to House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances, and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds, was reconsidered.

The question being,

Shall the House concur in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate?

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House refused to concur in the amendments and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker appointed as such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Couch and Murchie of Concord and Bell of Exeter.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House

of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 155, An act to amend section 4, chapter 137 of the Public Statutes, relating to the acknowledgment and record of conveyances of real estate.

House Bill No. 427, An act authorizing the borrowing of money by building and loan associations.

House Bill No. 451, An act to provide for a place to commemorate the three hundredth anniversary of the settlement of New Hampshire.

House Bill No. 486, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act establishing a municipal court and abolishing existing police courts."

The message also announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill, with an amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 44, An act to provide for the registration of public accountants.

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. The bank commissioners shall have charge of the registration of public accountants, shall make such rules as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, and shall keep a record of all certificates issued thereunder, a duplicate of which shall be open to inspection in the office of the secretary of state.

SECT. 2. Examinations shall be held as often as may be deemed necessary in the judgment of said commissioners, but not less frequently than once in each year if there be applicants. Said examinations shall be given by one or more examiners appointed by said commissioners, and such examiner shall be skilled in the art of accounting and shall have previously been engaged in the practice of public accounting. Said examinations shall include the subjects of theory of accounts, practical accounting, auditing, commercial law as affecting accountancy, and such other

subjects as said commissioners may deem necessary. Said examinations shall be open to any citizen of the United States, or person who has in good faith declared his intention of becoming such citizen, being over the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, who shall have a general education equivalent to a public high school course of recognized good standing, who shall have had at least four years' accounting experience or instruction, who shall have paid to said commissioners a fee of fifteen (15) dollars. If the applicant fails to pass the examination, he shall, without an additional fee, be entitled to take another examination at any time at which there are other applicants to be examined.

SECT. 3. Any such person who shall have successfully passed said examinations shall be registered as a public accountant and shall receive a certificate thereof. Any persons registered under the provisions of this act shall be entitled to style themselves "certified public accountants," and no other person shall assume such title or use any abbreviation thereof, or any other words, letters or abbreviations to indicate that the person so using the same is a certified public accountant registered under the provisions of this act.

SECT. 4. Any applicant for examination under this act may elect to be examined in such of said subjects as relate to savings banks and trust companies. Upon passing such examination successfully he shall be registered as a public accountant for banks and shall receive a certificate thereof. Any persons registered under the provisions of this section shall be entitled to style themselves "certified public accountants for banks"; and no other person shall assume such title or use any abbreviation thereof, or any other words, letters or abbreviations to indicate that the person so using the same is a certified public accountant for banks registered under the provisions of this act. Such accountants shall be deemed certified public accountants within the meaning of section 20 of chapter 165 of the Public Statutes and amendments thereof.

SECT. 5. Said commissioners shall have power, after notice and hearing, to suspend or revoke for good cause any certificate issued by them. Any person who falsely represents himself as having received a certificate under the provisions of this act, or who shall continue to practice thereunder after the revocation of such certificate shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Should any accountant certified under this act be convicted of gross negligence or of wilfully falsifying a report, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECT. 6. Any citizen of the United States who has practiced three years as a certified public accountant in another state under a certificate issued by the proper authorities of such state, may, upon payment of the required fee, receive a certificate to practice in this state without an examination, *provided* the requirements in such state are, in the opinion of the bank commissioners, fully equivalent to those herein provided.

SECT. 7. All expenses incurred under this act shall be paid from the fees received from examinations.

On motion of Mr. Dole of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

ORDER VACATED.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, the order whereby Senate Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2 and 44 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners, was re-

ferred to the Committee on County Affairs, was vacated, and the bill referred to the special committee consisting of the delegation from the county of Grafton.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

House Bill No. 236, An act to provide a forty-eight-hour week for women and minors under eighteen years of age.

Reported from a majority of the Committee on Labor with the resolution that it is inexpedient to legislate.

A minority of the committee reported the bill with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority?

Not being called for, the bill went over into unfinished business.

House Bill No. 125, An act in amendment of an act regulating the hours of labor for women.

Reported from a majority of the Committee on Labor with the resolution that it is inexpedient to legislate.

A minority of the committee reported the bill with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority?

Not being called for, the bill went over into unfinished business.

Mr. Ahern of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 94, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915; also in amendment of sections 2 and 3 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913; and repealing section 2 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, relating to hours of work for women and minors.

The question being on the amendment offered by the Committee on Labor,

Amend section 1 by striking out in lines 8 and 14 of the printed bill the words "household, domestic and farm labor"

and by inserting in place thereof the following: "household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time, and farm labor," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. No female or minor under eighteen years of age shall be employed or be permitted to work at manual or mechanical labor in any employment, except household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time, and farm labor, more than ten and one-quarter hours during any one day, or more than fifty-four hours in any one week. Where a minor under eighteen years of age or a female is employed in the same day or week by more than one employer in manual or mechanical labor in any employment, except household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time, and farm labor, the total time of employment shall not exceed that allowed per day or week in a single employment. No such minor or female shall be employed or permitted to work at night work more than eight hours in any twenty-four hours nor more than forty-eight hours during the week. If any such minor or female is employed or permitted to work more than two nights each week for any time between the hours of eight o'clock p. m. and six o'clock a. m. of the day following, such employment shall be considered night work. Mercantile establishments for the period of seven days immediately preceding Christmas Day in each year are, as to regular employees, excepted from the operation of this section, but the total number of hours of labor, for any female or minor under eighteen years of age, regularly employed in such

establishment, shall not exceed fifty-four hours per week for the full year."

Mr. Callahan of Keene offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend section 1 as amended by striking out the words "operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time" wherever they occur and inserting in place thereof the words "operators in telephone and telegraph offices," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. No female or minor under eighteen years of age shall be employed or be permitted to work at manual or mechanical labor in any employment, except household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in telephone and telegraph offices, and farm labor, more than ten and one-quarter hours during any one day, or more than fifty-four hours in any one week. Where a minor under eighteen years of age or a female is employed in the same day or week by more than one employer in manual or mechanical labor in any employment, except household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in telephone and telegraph offices, and farm labor, the total time of employment shall not exceed that allowed per day or week in a single employment. No such minor or female shall be employed or permitted to work at night work more than eight hours in any twenty-four hours nor more than forty-eight hours during the week. If any such minor or female is employed or permitted to work more than two nights each week for any time between the hours of eight o'clock p. m. and six o'clock a. m. of the day following, such employment shall be considered night work. Mercantile establishments for the period of seven days immediately preceding Christmas Day in each year are, as to regular employees, excepted

from the operation of this section, but the total number of hours of labor, for any female or minor under eighteen years of age, regularly employed in such establishment, shall not exceed fifty-four hours per week for the full year."

The question being on the amendment to the amendment,

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

The question being on the amendment as amended,

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment as amended was adopted.

Mr. Roukey of Manchester offered the following amendments:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "household domestic and farm labor" in line 8 thereof and inserting in place thereof the following: "household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time and farm labor."

Further amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "fifty-four" in line 10 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "fifty-two."

Further amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "household domestic and farm labor" in line 14 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the following: "household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time and farm labor."

Further amend said section by striking out "fifty-four" in line 30 and inserting in place thereof "fifty-two," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"SECTION 1. No female or minor under eighteen years of age shall be employed or be permitted to work at manual or mechanical labor in any employment, except household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor,

operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time and farm labor, more than ten and one-quarter hours during any one day, or more than fifty-two hours in any one week. Where a minor under eighteen years of age or a female is employed in the same day or week by more than one employer in manual or mechanical labor in any employment except household labor and nurses, domestic, hotel and boarding house labor, operators in small telephone and telegraph offices where only one is on duty at a time and farm labor, the total time of employment shall not exceed that allowed per day or week in a single employment. No such minor or female shall be employed or permitted to work at night work more than eight hours in any twenty-four hours nor more than forty-eight hours during the week. If any such minor or female is employed or permitted to work more than two nights each week for any time between the hours of eight o'clock p. m. and six o'clock a. m. of the day following, such employment shall be considered night work. Mercantile establishments for the period of seven days immediately preceding Christmas Day in each year are, as to regular employees, excepted from the operation of this section, but the total number of hours of labor, for any female or minor under eighteen years of age, regularly employed in such establishment, shall not exceed fifty-two hours per week for the full year."

The question being on the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Couch of Concord moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Roukey of Manchester,

Mr. Roukey called for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared manifestly in the negative and the amendment was not adopted.

The question being,
Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of the bill made in order by its title at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 31, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the hours of labor for women.

Reported from the Committee on Labor with the resolution that it is inexpedient to legislate.

The question being on the resolution,

The bill not being called for, went over into unfinished business.

Mr. Couch called for the special order, House Bill No. 459, An act providing for the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery.

Reported from the Committee on Public Health with the following amendment:

Amend said bill by striking out the whole of section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Any person shall be regarded as practicing veterinary medicine under the meaning of this act, who shall operate on, prescribe for, or otherwise treat domestic animals as a livelihood, or who shall hold himself out to the public as a veterinary surgeon; but this act shall not be construed to prohibit friendly service or advice in cases of emergency by persons not entitled to practice veterinary medicine under this act."

Amend section 17 by inserting after the word "emergency" in line 14 the following "or to the castration of animals," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 17. This act shall not be construed to affect any legally qualified veterinarian in other states or countries meeting regularly registered veterinarians in this state in consultation; or any veterinarian residing on the border of a neighboring state and duly authorized under the laws

thereof to practice veterinary medicine therein, whose practice extends into this state, and who does not open an office or appoint a place to meet patients or receive calls within this state; or to regular clients not residents of this state, when called to attend their animals during a temporary stay in the state, *provided* such veterinarians are legally registered in some state; or to simple treatments such as cases of emergency or to the castration of animals; or to the administration of ordinary household remedies; or to the advertising or sale of patent medicines."

The question being on the amendment,

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, with the amendment pending, at 12.45 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 45 minutes.

(After recess.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 459, An act providing for the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery, was resumed.

The question being on the amendment proposed by the Committee on Public Health,

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 182, An act relating to the appointment of referees for the hearing of civil causes.

House Bill No. 284, An act authorizing an appraisal of New Castle Bridge Corporation toll bridges.

House Bill No. 569, An act legalizing the proceedings at the annual town meeting of the town of Wentworth held March 13, 1917.

House Bill No. 564, An act to authorize the adjutant-general to insure property of the United States while in the possession of the state for the use of the militia.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on House Bill No. 344, An act to license and regulate the business of making loans in sums of three hundred dollars or less at a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, prescribing the rate of interest and charge therefor, and penalties for the violation thereof, and the President had appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Theriault and Martin.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 54, An act to provide for establishing bonded warehouses.

Senate Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws of 1911; chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and an act approved by the legislature March 8, 1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.'"

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bills read a first time by their titles.

Senate Bill No. 54, An act to provide for establishing bonded warehouses.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws

of 1911; chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and an act approved by the legislature March 8, 1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.'"

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Public Health.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Newport,—

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House be authorized to appoint two additional members to the Committee on Railroads who shall be attorneys.

The Speaker appointed as such additional members, Messrs. Couch of Concord and Brennan of Peterborough.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 168, An act to provide for the freeing of Eliot toll bridge and authorize Strafford county to maintain that part lying within said county.

House Bill No. 199, An act permitting sterilizing operations in certain cases of mental diseases and feeble-mindedness.

House Bill No. 570, An act to prevent stock-watering and excessive capitalization of railroads and public utilities.

House Bill No. 573, An act relative to the unused balances of money appropriated for the benefit of soldiers and sailors who served in the war with Spain, and of money to be raised for the benefit of members of the National Guard who served on the Mexican border.

House Bill No. 574, An act relating to the reimbursement

of cities and towns which may advance funds for the improvement of trunk line highways.

House Bill No. 575, An act to provide for meeting the obligations of the state incidental to the acceptance of federal aid in the construction of roads.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 576, An act in amendment of chapter 139, Laws of 1915, "An act in addition to and in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 155 of the Laws of 1909, chapters 158 and 168 of the Laws of 1913, and section 1, chapter 84 of the Laws of 1915."

Read a third time and passed.

Mr. French of Moultonborough offered the following amendment to the title:

Amend the title by adding at the end thereof the words "relating to permanent improvement of main highways."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then sent to the Senate for concurrence.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Clark of Concord offered the following resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That any citizen of this state who has been legally drafted for military service from this state shall not be permitted to evade such military duty by means of substitution, or any other subterfuge whatever. The only exceptions to this resolution being physical incapacity, and statutory age limitation.

The question being on the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, at 2.59 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 3.01 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Allen of Lebanon was granted leave of absence for this afternoon on account of important business.

PETITION PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Greeley of Londonderry, Petition of D. M. Boyd, Cleon Nesmith, Wesley Adams, Clarence Goodwin and 176 other residents of Londonderry, praying for the passage of House Bill No. 250, relating to the change in location of the Rockingham road.

Presented and referred to the Committee on Public Improvements.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

House Bill No. 258, An act to establish a department of parks, commons and playgrounds for the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 534, An act relating to the school year and in amendment of section 13, chapter 92 of the Public Statutes.

House Bill No. 566, An act to legalize the town and school district meetings of the town of Holderness held March 13, 1917.

House Joint Resolution No. 36, Joint resolution to provide for the repair of the Mountain road, so called, up Crotched mountain, in Francestown.

House Joint Resolution No. 81, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of Tumbledown Dick road in the town of Brookfield.

The report was accepted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 568, An act to authorize the governor and council to acquire real estate for military purposes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 254, An act to provide a legislative drafting and reference bureau, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 43, Joint resolution providing for the investigation of the possibilities for the conservation and better utilization of water power, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said joint resolution by striking out the figures \$5,000 in the fourteenth line of the same, and inserting in place thereof \$3,000, so that said joint resolution as amended shall read as follows:

“That the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a commissioner to investigate the possibilities for the conservation and better utilization of water power in this state by means of storage reservoirs or otherwise in accordance with the provisions of chapter 90 of the Laws of 1915, and make a report to the next legislature.

“The commissioner so appointed may employ engineering assistance and incur expense incidental thereto, and is empowered to enter into a co-operative agreement with the directors of the United States Geological Survey for the purpose of making the investigation aforesaid. The governor is authorized to draw his warrant for a sum not to

exceed \$3,000 for the above purposes out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 561, An act to provide for a home guard, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the word "military" in line 7 in the printed bill and by striking out the words "unorganized militia" in lines 9 and 10 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the words "citizens of the state," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The governor is authorized to appoint a board composed of three members to be known as the military emergency board who shall hold office from the date of their appointment until April 1, 1919, and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Said board shall take proper action to perfect and maintain a body of armed troops for duty within the state of New Hampshire to be known as the home guard. Such troops shall be recruited from the citizens of the state who cannot be held for service in the National Guard and shall be called into service only by the order of the governor."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 104, Joint resolution to provide for the payment of any balance that may be due on account of land taken by the state in Crawford Notch and expenses incident thereto, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first time. The second reading of the joint resolution having begun, on motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough,

the rules were suspended and the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 593, An act accepting the vocational education act of Congress of February 23, 1917, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

Mr. Shute of Exeter, for the Committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 52, Joint resolution relating to an appropriation for the purpose of repairing fish hatchery in Colebrook, reported the same in a new draft with the recommendation that the joint resolution in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 594, An act to amend chapter 308 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the water supply in Salem and Methuen, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision

of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 317, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913, and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 581, An act to amend section 7 of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions.

House Bill No. 589, An act relative to the raising of money by towns to provide and maintain armories and military organizations.

Severally taken from the table and ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme called for the special order, House Bill No. 250, An act establishing and changing the present location of the Rockingham road connecting the Merri-mack Valley road with the Massachusetts highway at the Massachusetts state line at Salem, N. H.

A majority of the Committee on Public Improvements reported that the bill ought to pass.

A minority of the committee reported that it is inexpedient to legislate.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be substituted for the report of the majority, that the bill ought to pass?

On a *viva voce* vote the motion to substitute prevailed.

The question being,

Shall the resolution of the committee, that it is inexpedient to legislate, be adopted?

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative prevailed.

Mr. French of Moultonborough called for the special order, House Bill No. 58, An act for more efficient supervision of schools.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, with the motion pending, at 12.35 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 40 minutes.

(After recess.)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Hough of Lebanon was granted leave of absence for this afternoon and tomorrow on account of important business.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds, and the President had appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Theriault and Martin.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bills, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 243, An act to relieve members of the police force in the city of Manchester from police duty at certain times.

Amend the bill by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 2. The police commissioners of said city shall prepare to put the provisions of section 1 of this act into effect within three months from the date of its passage. For that purpose they are authorized and directed to appoint in the manner now prescribed by law such additional members of the police force, including the reserve, as they shall deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this act."

On motion of Mr. Putnam of Manchester, the House adopted the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 251, An act in amendment of chapter 102 of the Laws of 1901, "An act to provide for the care and education of feeble-minded children."

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting a new title to read as follows:

"An act in amendment of chapter 102, Laws of 1901, entitled 'An act to provide for the care and education of feeble-minded children,' as amended by chapter 23, Laws of 1905."

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1, chapter 102, Laws of 1901, as amended by section 1, chapter 23, Laws of 1905, by striking out the words "feeble-minded girls" and inserting in place thereof the words "the feeble minded," and also by striking out the words "between three and twenty-one years of age," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The state shall establish and maintain a school for the care and education of the idiotic and feeble-minded, which shall be known as the New Hampshire

school for the feeble-minded children. All children supported by towns or counties in the state, who in the judgment of the selectmen of towns or county commissioners of the county or state board of charities are capable of being benefited by school instruction, shall be committed to this institution. Provision shall also be made for the detention, care and custody of the feeble-minded, who are inmates of the school, after they reach the age of twenty-one, if in the judgment of the board of trustees their segregation seems to be for the best interests of the community."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House adopted the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 543, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 186 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the bureau of labor.

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows:

"An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 198 of the Laws of 1911 relating to the bureau of labor."

Amend section 1 by striking out the words "amend section 4, chapter 186 of the Laws of 1913," and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Amend section 4, chapter 198, Laws of 1911, the same being the original section 3 of said act as renumbered by section 1, chapter 186, Laws of 1913."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House adopted the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Bunton of Manchester offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That for the remainder of the session speeches

be limited to ten minutes for each speaker unless further time is granted by the House.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Bartlett, the resolution was laid upon the table.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The consideration of House Bill No. 58, An act for more efficient supervision of schools, was resumed.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

Mr. French of Moultonborough moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. French,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Duffy of Franklin moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

Mr. Emerson of Hanover demanded the yeas and nays and the roll was called with the following result:

YEAS, 193.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Sawyer of Atkinson, Griffin, Smith of Brentwood, Horne of Derry, Richardson of Derry, Bell of Exeter, Leighton, Shute, Batchelder, Parker, Greeley, Pridham, Priest, Battles, Marston, Hill, Sanderson, Soule, Bartlett of Portsmouth, Downs, Buxton, Foote.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—McDaniel of Barrington, Bennett, Wendell, Smart of Dover, Reilly, Thomas of Farmington, Chamberlain, Cole of Rochester, Meader, Bilodeau, Maxfield, Sampson, Horne of Rochester, Hubbard of Rochester, Philpott, Lucey, Gaudreau of Somersworth, Cater.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Whitney, Cotton, Morrill of Center

Harbor, Page of Gilmanton, Spring, Shannon, Leavitt of Meredith, Wright of Sanbornton, Page of Tilton, Tilton of Tilton.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Stillings, Pollard, Merrill, Thompson of Jackson, French of Moultonborough, Blanchard, Smith of Tamworth, Thomas of Tuftonborough, Rogers of Wakefield, Goodwin, Libby of Wolfeboro.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Clough of Bow, Curtis, Leach, Wright of Concord, Clark of Concord, Taylor, Beane, Dana, Cunningham, Proulx, Fellows, Jenkins, Smith of Northfield, Bates, Sanborn of Salisbury, Davis of Sutton, Hook, Thompson of Wilmot.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Smith of Deering, Stevens, Hopkins, Ellinwood, Childs, Gay, Stratton, Brown of Hudson, Tarbell, Ryder, Wheeler of Manchester, Putnam, Libbey of Manchester, Smith of Manchester, Crosby, Fairbanks of Manchester, Woodbury of Manchester, Collins of Manchester, Connor of Manchester, Glynn, Horan, Kelley of Manchester, McCarthy of Manchester, Shaughnessy, Ready, Mahoney, Sullivan of Manchester, Donnelly, Bailey of Manchester, McKay, Sayers, Graf, Barry, Scannell, Grenier, Janelle of Ward 12, Manchester, Lizotte, Provost, Hebert, Janelle of Ward 13, Manchester, Miville, Raiche, Woodman, French of Nashua, Foisie, Sullivan of Ward 5, Nashua, Sullivan of Ward 6, Nashua, Powell, Burns of Nashua, Hargraves, Ravenelle, DeLacombe, Gaudreau of Nashua, Larouche, Soucy, Marden, Woodbury of Pelham, Walbridge, Abbott of Wilton.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Metcalf, Damon, Banks, Symonds, Boynton, Townsend, Tuttle, Lane.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Clark of Acworth, Chandler, Thomas of Claremont, Beaman, Gross, Smart of Goshen, Mousley, Nichols, Angell, Dodge of Newport, Fairbanks of Newport, Rogers of Plainfield, Philbrick, Gardner, Dole of Washington.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Gray of Alexandria, Abbott of Bath, Conner of Bristol, Laffee, Sanborn of Franconia, Webster, Moore, Barnes, Bell of Plymouth, Brogan, Kidder.

COÖS COUNTY.—Gonya, Letourneau, Finley, Gray of Columbia, George, McHugh, Congdon, Woods of Milan, McFarland, Merrill, Philbrook, Cole of Stark, Brooks, Kimball of Stratford.

NAYS, 105.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—Stackhouse, Wheeler of Derry, Nowell, Bassett, Emerson of Hampstead, Towle of Northwood, Pender, Wood of Portsmouth.

STRAFFORD COUNTY.—Marshall, McIntosh, Davis of Durham, Emerson of Madbury.

BELKNAP COUNTY.—Clough of Alton, Sanborn of Gilford, Johnson, Seaverns, Sanborn of Laconia, Munsey, Torsey.

CARROLL COUNTY.—Carter, Poole, White of Eaton, Gilman.

MERRIMACK COUNTY.—Eastman of Allenstown, Eastman of Andover, Hubbard of Boscawen, Corrigan, Glines, Hoyt of Concord, Keenan, Murchie, Couch, Holbrook, Winant, Ahern, Gannon, Towle of Epsom, Duffy, Balch, Kelley of Hill, Lawrence, Gould of Hopkinton, Adams, Georgi, Bartlett of Pittsfield, Cutler, Colby.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.—Corey, Bartlett of Goffstown, Gordon of Goffstown, Boisvert, Hall, Crawford, Peterson, Prime, Robinson, Challis, Dockham, Nelson, Wiggin, Newell, Roukey, Whitaker, Haseltine of Merrimack, Malalieu, Gleason, Shattuck, Gordon of New Ipswich, Brennan, Eastman of Weare.

CHESHIRE COUNTY.—Mason of Dublin, Callahan, Wellman, Huntress, Rice of Keene, Spaulding, Kimball of Marlborough, Rice of Rindge, Faulkner, Mason of Troy, Whitman.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.—Gilson, Bugbee, Rossiter, Reed.

GRAFTON COUNTY.—Baker, Clark of Bethlehem, Robie, Barney, Goodboo, Emerson of Hanover, Hoyt of Hanover, Collins of Lebanon, French of Lebanon, Haskell, Cummings, Morrison, Stanley, Little, Bradeen.

COÖS COUNTY.—Burbank, Trask, Eastman of Jefferson, Lowe of Randolph, Snow.

Mr. Tilton of East Kingston voting yes was paired with Mr. Walton of Hampton Falls voting no.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping voting no was paired with Mr. Holmes of Greenland voting yes.

Mr. McDaniel of Nottingham voting no was paired with Mr. Gagne of Somersworth voting yes.

Mr. Ham of Farmington voting yes was paired with Mr. Lewis of Amherst voting no.

Mr. Leavitt of Effingham voting yes was paired with Mr. Hodsdon of Ossipee voting no.

Mr. Bailey of Haverhill voting yes was paired with Mr. Moulton of Lisbon voting no.

and the motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed.

Mr. Ahern of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 154 (In new draft), An act to amend the charter of the Upper Connecticut River and Lake Improvement company.

A majority of the Committee on Incorporations reported the bill with the resolution that it is inexpedient to legislate.

A minority of the committee reported the bill with an amendment and with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass with the amendment.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority?

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the bill was referred to the next legislature.

Mr. Brennan of Peterbough called for the special order, House Bill No. 25, An act establishing a standard of weights and measures.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

Mr. Duffy of Franklin offered the following amendments:

Amend section 2 by striking out in line 5 of the printed bill the figures "2500" and inserting in place thereof the

figures "1800"; further amend said section by adding at the end thereof the following "not exceeding a salary allowance of \$1,000 for each inspector," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. There shall be a state commissioner of weights and measures, who shall be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council. Such commissioner shall be appointed for a term of five years, and shall receive a salary of \$1800 a year. There shall be not exceeding three inspectors of weights and measures, who shall be appointed by the commissioner with the advice and consent of the governor and council. The commissioner of weights and measures shall be allowed for salaries for inspectors of weights and measures, clerical services, traveling and contingent expenses for himself, and inspectors such sums as shall be appropriated by the legislature, not exceeding a salary allowance of \$1,000 for each inspector."

The question being on the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 5.09 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Couch of Concord offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The people of Russia have taken the government of that country into their own hands and have substituted a democracy for an autocracy; and,

WHEREAS, We wish to rejoice with Russia, the often proved friend of this country, that she has placed herself on the side of enlightened freedom and liberty which have been paid for by the lives of thousands of her bravest and best people. Therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate con-

carring, That the legislature of the state of New Hampshire, expressing the sentiment of the people of this state and of our entire country, rejoice with Russia that she has made her dream of democracy come true, and bespeak for her the aid and encouragement of the liberty-loving people of our own country and express the belief that the forward step of Russia is a great advance toward the time when all the governments of Europe shall be "Of the people, by the people and for the people." Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the secretary of the state to the President of the Duma of Russia.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 317, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 561, An act to provide for a home guard.

(Mr. Childs of Hillsborough in the chair.)

House Bill No. 568, An act to authorize the governor and council to acquire real estate for military purposes.

House Bill No. 581, An act to amend section 7 of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions.

House Bill No. 594, An act to amend chapter 308 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the water supply in Salem and Methuen.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 589, An act relative to the raising of money by towns to provide and maintain armories and military organizations.

The bill being in order for a third reading, on motion of Mr. Bell of Plymouth, the rules were suspended and the bill put back upon its second reading.

Mr. Bell offered the following amendment:

Amend section 1 of said bill by inserting after the word "associations" in line 16 of the printed bill, the words "to aid the American Red Cross."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted. The bill was then ordered to a third reading, read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Joint Resolution No. 43, Joint resolution providing for the investigation of the possibilities for the conservation and better utilization of water powers.

House Joint Resolution No. 52, Joint resolution relating to an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the fish hatchery in Colebrook.

House Joint Resolution No. 104, Joint resolution to provide for the payment of any balance that may be due on account of land taken by the state in Crawford Notch and expenses thereto.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord,—

Resolved, That the clerk be directed to provide a supply of House Bill No. 584, An act relating to willful and malicious injuries.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester,—

Resolved, That the clerk be directed to procure an additional supply of House Bill No. 551, An act concerning the militia.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, at 5.24 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Boutwell of Manchester and Leavitt of Effingham were granted leave of absence for the remainder of the week on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 123, An act to equalize school privileges in the city of Concord.

House Bill No. 259, An act to establish a department of public works for the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 551, An act concerning the militia.

The report was accepted.

The Committee of Conference, to whom was referred House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances, and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House recede from its vote to non-concur in the Senate amendment, and that it concur therein.

B. W. COUCH,
SAMUEL KENT BELL,
ROBERT C. MURCHIE,
House Conferees.

MARCEL THERIAULT,
NATH'L E. MARTIN,
Senate Conferees.

On a *viva voce* vote the report was adopted.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 55, An act in amendment of section 13 of chapter 219 of the Public Statutes relating to the service of legal process, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 57, An act relating to penalties for lotteries and gambling, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 595, An act to amend chapter 25 of the Public Statutes relating to the election of county officers, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Couch of Concord asked unanimous consent to introduce two reports from a committee which had not previously been advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 54, An act to provide for establishing bonded warehouses, reported the same with the following amendments and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "governor, with the advice and consent of the council," and by inserting in place thereof the words "secretary of state," and by inserting the word "state" before the word "treasurer" in line 8 of the printed bill, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. The secretary of state may license any

suitable persons, or corporations established under the laws of the state and having their places of business within the state, to be public warehousemen. Such warehousemen may keep and maintain public warehouses for the storage of goods, wares and merchandise. They shall give bond to the state treasurer for the faithful performance of their duties in an amount and with sureties to be approved by the governor, and may appoint one or more deputies, for whose acts they shall be responsible."

Amend the third sentence of section 9 by inserting the word "state" before the word "treasurer" wherever it occurs, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 9. If a public warehouseman has in his possession, in storage, upon a non-negotiable receipt, property of a perishable nature, or which, by keeping, will deteriorate greatly in value, or, by its odor, leakage, inflammability or explosive nature, will be liable to injure other property, or of a value which will probably be insufficient to pay the storage charges thereof, he may, after notice to the person in whose name the property is stored to remove said property and to pay the storage and other proper charges thereon, and the refusal or neglect of such person so to do, sell the same at public or private sale without advertising. If, on reasonable inquiry, such person cannot be found, the sale may be made without notice. The proceeds of the sale, after deducting the expenses thereof and the storage and other proper charges, shall be paid or credited to the person in whose name the property was stored, or if he cannot be found, to the state treasurer, who shall pay it over to the owner thereof upon proof of his title thereto within one year after its receipt by the state treasurer. If such warehouseman has made a reasonable effort to sell perishable or worthless property and has been unable to so do, he may dispose of it in any lawful manner, and shall not be liable for such disposition."

Amend section 13 by inserting the word "state" before

the word "treasurer" wherever it occurs, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 13. Such warehouseman shall, on demand, pay over the surplus of the proceeds of a sale authorized by section eleven to the person entitled thereto, but if it is not claimed within six months after such sale, he shall pay such surplus to the state treasurer and shall, at the same time, file with him an affidavit stating the name and residence of the person whose property has been sold, the articles sold and the prices obtained therefor, the name and residence of the auctioneer and a copy of the notice served or published with the return thereof. The copy of notice and return so filed shall be admitted as evidence of the giving of the notice. The state treasurer shall pay it over to the owner thereof upon proof of his title thereto within five years after its receipt by the state treasurer."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 58, An act relating to suits on notes secured by mortgage, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 590, An act conferring further jurisdiction upon the public service commission relating to railroad rates and fares, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Concord, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Tuesday, April 10, at 11.02 o'clock.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision

of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 596, An act to repeal section 7 of chapter 133, Laws of 1911, section 3 of chapter 81 of the Laws of 1913, and section 6 of chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles, and to enact a new section 7 of the Laws of 1911, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 55, Joint resolution providing for the erection of a screen and repair of the dam at the outlet of Station or Kolelemoque lake in Springfield, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 23, An act to establish a state police force, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Fairbanks of Manchester, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution appointing a commission to act with a similar commission from the state of Maine to recommend to the legislature of 1919 a definite proposition for an interstate state highway or free bridge between Portsmouth, N. H., and Kittery, Maine, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time. The third reading having begun, on motion of the same gentleman, the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with. The joint resolution was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 24, Joint resolution providing for freeing the Hampton river bridge, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 97 (In new draft), An act to prevent the sale of diseased meat slaughtered within the state, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 35, An act to create a commission in regard to state cold storage plants, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 33, Joint resolution for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, particularly in the advanced stages, reported the same with the following amendment,

and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the sum "\$30,000" in line 31 of the printed resolution and inserting in place thereof the sum "\$20,000," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, particularly in the advanced stages, who are unable to pay the cost of such treatment; and for the encouragement of the establishment and maintenance of sanatoria for the treatment of such persons, the state board of charities and correction be and hereby is authorized to engage free beds in such sanatoria or other places as have been approved by the state board of health, for the treatment of such persons as the state board of charities and correction may specify. Indigent consumptives, citizens of the state, who are unable to pay any part of the cost of said treatment, may be admitted to said free beds by the authority of the secretary of the state board of charities and correction in accordance with the ordinary regulations of said sanatoria. Persons in needy circumstances who, by themselves, relatives, or friends, are able to pay no more than part of the cost of said treatment, may be admitted to said sanatoria or other places and maintained and treated therein at the expense of the state to that extent that they cannot by themselves, relatives or friends chargeable therefor, pay cash cost of treatment, when the state board of charities and correction so certify; and said board shall stipulate the proportion the state shall assume to pay. This resolution shall not be construed so as to deprive any person to whom aid is rendered of any right that he may have at the time of his admission to said sanatorium. To pay the expenses of engaging said free beds and assisting persons in needy circumstances to treatment in said sanatoria, a sum not exceeding \$20,000 for each of the years 1917 and 1918 is hereby appropriated, and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant for said sum

out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 27, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1899, relating to fireman's relief fund, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the word "five" in lines 3, 5, 8 and 24 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the word "four," so said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. That section 2, chapter 64 of the Laws of 1899, be amended as follows, by changing the word "two" in the first line of said section to "four," and by adding at the end of said section the following: "Said sum of four thousand dollars to be in full for any appropriation for any one year," so that said section when amended will read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Four thousand dollars of the amount received as such tax shall annually be set apart by the state treasurer, and kept distinct from all other funds, and shall be known as the firemen's relief fund. Such fund, in the month of May after its receipt shall be paid over, upon the order of the governor, to the treasurer of the New Hampshire State Firemen's association, as trustee, and shall be devoted to and paid out for the relief of any fireman injured or disabled in the discharge of his duty as fireman, who is a member in good standing in any regularly organized town or city fire company in this state belonging to said association (and who is himself a member of said association), and for the relief of the (dependent parent), widow or children of such fireman whose death was occasioned by injuries received in the line of his duty as a fireman. Said sum of four thousand dollars to be in full for any appropriation for any one year."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 105, Joint resolution for disbursement of previous appropriation for fire protection, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Boucher of Northumberland, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 374, An act to amend chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross-state highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 478 (In new draft), An act to establish a state highway from Laconia to Ashland, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gardner of Sunapee, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 227, An act to establish a state highway connecting the Moosilauke road with the West Side road and extend the same to the Vermont state line at Orford, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 163 An act providing for the construction of a suitable road in the city of Laconia, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 73, Joint resolution for the repair and improvement of the main road on the east side of the river from Campton town line to the West Thornton bridge in the town of Thornton, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Morrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 311, An act to protect the public against the sale of worthless securities, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 4 of said bill by striking out the word "five" in lines 2 and 21 of the printed bill and inserting in place thereof the word "ten," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"Upon written application by a registered dealer, accompanied by a registration fee of ten dollars for each person, the commissioner shall, if he is satisfied that they are suitable persons, register, as agents or salesmen of such dealer, such persons as the dealer may request. The application shall be in such form as the commissioner may prescribe and shall state the residences and addresses of the persons whose registration is requested. The commissioner shall issue to each person so registered a registration certificate stating his name, residence and address, the name, principal place of business and the address of the

dealer, and the fact that he is registered for the current calendar year as agent or as salesman (as the case may be) of the dealer. The certificate shall in other respects be in such form as the commissioner shall determine, but shall state in bold type that the commissioner does not recommend or assume any responsibility for securities offered by the dealer or the dealer's agents or salesmen. Such registration of agents may be renewed from year to year upon the request of the dealer and the payment of the registration fee of ten dollars. Upon application by the dealer, the registration of any agent or salesman shall be cancelled."

Further amend said bill as follows: Insert in section 13, after the word "appropriated" in the second line thereof, the following: "From the revenue collected under the provisions of this act," so that said section as amended shall read:

"SECT. 13. There is hereby annually appropriated from the revenue collected under the provisions of this act, one thousand dollars additional salary for the insurance commissioner, upon whom devolves the duty of enforcing this act and fifteen hundred dollars for the salary of an assistant; and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is annually appropriated for expenses incurred in carrying out its provisions, *provided*, that the appropriation for expenses shall not exceed any surplus revenue derived from this act after paying the additional salary of the insurance commissioner and the salary of his assistant."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 98, Joint resolution for the improvement of the highway known as "The Narrows" in the town of Bath, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass:

The report was accepted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 30, Joint resolution providing for an appropriation for a highway leading through Plaistow, from Atkinson town line to Massachusetts state line, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the whole of same, and inserting in place thereof the following:

"That the sum of one thousand dollars for the year ending August 31, 1918, is hereby appropriated, on condition that the sum of five hundred dollars shall be added by the town of Plaistow, and the sum of five hundred dollars shall be added by the citizens of Atkinson, or by local parties acting jointly or severally, for completing the highway in said Plaistow from the state line in Haverhill, Massachusetts, through Plaistow to the Atkinson town line. The said sums appropriated by the state and by the town of Plaistow and by local parties shall be expended under the direction of the highway commissioner, and the said sum appropriated by the state shall be a charge upon the appropriation for the permanent improvement of highways made by section 10, chapter 35, Laws of 1905. This road shall, after its completion, be included in the state aid road system of the town of Plaistow, and this joint resolution shall take effect upon its passage."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Brennan of Peterborough called for the unfinished business, House Bill No. 25, An act establishing a standard of weights and measures.

The question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Duffy of Franklin,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion to indefinitely postpone,

Mr. French of Moultonborough rose to a question of personal privilege.

Mr. Page of Gilmanton moved the previous question, but the motion was not seconded.

Mr. Ahern of Concord rose to a parliamentary inquiry:

Would the motion for the previous question, if seconded and carried, cut off all debate upon the main bill?

The Speaker ruled that such would be the effect of the motion if carried.

The question being,

Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone.

The question being on the amendment offered by Mr. Duffy of Franklin,

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was not adopted.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Nelson of Manchester moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

Mr. Brennan of Peterborough called for a division.

A division being had, 172 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 63 gentlemen voted in the negative and the bill was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of the bill by its title made in order.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Ahern of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 414, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 264 of the Laws of 1893, relating to the playing of ball and other games, and authorizing amateur baseball playing on Sunday.

A majority of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes reported the bill with the resolution that it is inexpedient to legislate.

A minority of the committee reported the bill in a new draft and with a new title and with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority?

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, with the motion pending, at 1.05 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 25 minutes.

(After recess.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 414, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 264 of the Laws of 1893, relating to the playing of ball and other games, and authorizing amateur baseball playing on Sunday, was resumed.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority, that the bill ought to pass in a new draft, be substituted for the report of the majority, that it is inexpedient to legislate?

On motion of Mr. McKay of Manchester, the bill with the accompanying reports was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, April 11, at 11.02 o'clock.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 390, An act in amendment of section 3 of

chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles.

House Bill No. 556, An act establishing a jewelers' repair lien law.

House Bill No. 567, An act to amend chapter 124 of the Laws of 1878, entitled "An act to incorporate the Holder-ness School for Boys."

House Bill No. 123, An act to equalize school privileges in the city of Concord.

The message further announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 52, An act to repeal sections 19, 20 and 21 of chapter 56 of the Public Statutes relating to the taxation of timber, logs and lumber upon bodies of water outside the boundaries of any town within the state.

Senate Bill No. 53, An act in amendment of section 14 of chapter 93 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 61, Laws of 1901, chapter 13, Laws of 1903, chapter 139, Laws of 1911, chapter 221, Laws of 1913, relating to attendance of children at school.

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 52, An act to repeal sections 19, 20 and 21 of chapter 56 of the Public Statutes relating to the taxation of timber, logs and lumber upon bodies of water outside the boundaries of any town within the state.

Read a first and second time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 53, An act in amendment of section 14 of chapter 93 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 61, Laws of 1901, chapter 13, Laws of 1903, chapter 139, Laws of 1911, chapter 221, Laws of 1913, relating to attendance of children at school.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this forenoon it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and when the House then adjourns it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the third reading of bills by their titles was made in order.

House Bill No. 27, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1899, relating to fireman's relief fund.

House Bill No. 311 (In new draft), An act to protect the public against the sale of worthless securities.

House Bill No. 595, An act to amend chapter 25 of the Public Statutes relating to the election of county officers.

House Joint Resolution No. 30, Joint resolution providing for an appropriation for a highway leading through Plaistow, from Atkinson town line to Massachusetts state line.

House Joint Resolution No. 33, Joint resolution for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, particularly in the advanced stages.

House Joint Resolution No. 55 (In new draft), Joint resolution providing for the erection of a screen and repair of the dam at the outlet of Station or Kolelemoque lake in Springfield.

House Joint Resolution No. 98, Joint resolution for the improvement of the highway known as "The Narrows" in the town of Bath.

House Joint Resolution No. 105, Joint resolution for disbursement of previous appropriation for fire protection.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 54, An act to provide for establishing bonded warehouses.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Senate Bill No. 55, An act in amendment of section 13 of chapter 219 of the Public Statutes relating to the service of legal process.

Senate Bill No. 57, An act relating to penalties for lotteries and gambling.

Senate Bill No. 58, An act relating to suits on notes secured by mortgage.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, House Bill No. 579, An act in amendment of chapter 30, Laws of 1913, as amended by chapter 60, Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in amendment of 'An act establishing municipal courts and abolishing existing police courts,' approved March 4, 1915," was taken from the table.

On motion of Mr. Couch, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 517, An act relating to tuberculosis.

House Bill No. 527, An act relating to the quality of milk and providing for standardized milk.

House Bill No. 561, An act to provide for a home guard.

House Bill No. 562, An act to allow the city of Dover to acquire land for an armory.

House Bill No. 563, An act to amend section 5, chapter 212 of the Public Statutes, relating to sheriffs, coroners and constables.

House Joint Resolution No. 14, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the New Hampshire state sanatorium.

House Joint Resolution No. 89, Joint resolution in favor of the construction of a permanent highway leading from Pontook falls, in Dummer, through West Milan, to Stark.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 343, An act to amend chapter 220 of the Session Laws of 1913, "An act relating to the purchase of milk, cream and butter within the state for shipment and sale without the state."

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to House Bill No. 313, An act in amendment of chapter 125 of the Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 168 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to dividends of savings banks."

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following concurrent resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

WHEREAS, The people of Russia have taken the government of that country into their own hands and have substituted a democracy for an autocracy; and,

WHEREAS, We wish to rejoice with Russia, the often proved friend of this country, that she has placed herself on the side of enlightened freedom and liberty which have been paid for by the lives of thousands of her bravest and best people. Therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the legislature of the state of New Hampshire, expressing the sentiment of the people of this state and of our entire country, rejoice with Russia that she has made her dream of democracy come true, and bespeak for her

the aid and encouragement of the liberty-loving people of our own country and express the belief that the forward step of Russia is a great advance toward the time when all the governments of Europe shall be "Of the people, by the people and for the people." Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the secretary of the state to the President of the Duma of Russia.

The message also announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill with amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 549, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913, and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles.

Amend section 6 by striking out all of said section and substituting therefor the following:

"SECT. 6. So much of this act as relates to the substitution of number plates for seals on motor cycles shall take effect January 1, 1918. All other parts of this act shall take effect upon its passage."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 2.54 o'clock the House adjourned.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6, 1917.

The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., April 6, 1917.

*George A. Fairbanks, Esq.,
Newport, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Concord, at 9.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., April 9, 1917.

*Charles E. Wendell, Esq.,
Dover, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Bennett of Dover, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John H. Bartlett of Manchester.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough was granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

Mr. Bartlett of Pittsfield was granted leave of absence for the week on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

Senate Bill No. 2, An act in amendment of chapter 189 of the Public Statutes relating to inventory and accounts of administrators.

Senate Bill No. 51, An act in amendment of chapter 312, Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 313, Laws of 1915, relating to the charter of the Walpole and Alstead Street Railway company.

Senate Bill No. 55, An act in amendment of section 13 of chapter 219 of the Public Statutes relating to the service of legal process.

Senate Bill No. 57, An act relating to penalties for lotteries and gambling.

Senate Bill No. 58, An act relating to suits on notes secured by mortgage.

House Bill No. 44, An act to provide for the registration of public accountants.

House Bill No. 182, An act relating to the appointment of referees for the hearing of civil causes.

House Bill No. 213, An act to prevent the pollution of the Ellis and Wildcat rivers and their tributaries.

House Bill No. 243, An act to relieve members of the

police force in the city of Manchester from police duty at certain times.

House Bill No. 251, An act in amendment of chapter 102, Laws of 1901, entitled "An act to provide for the care and education of feeble-minded children," as amended by chapter 23, Laws of 1905.

House Bill No. 284, An act authorizing an appraisal of New Castle Bridge Corporation toll bridges.

House Bill No. 313, An act in amendment of chapter 125 of the Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 168 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to dividends of savings banks."

House Bill No. 386, An act in amendment of and in addition to an act entitled "An act in amendment of and in addition to the charter of the city of Nashua, creating a fire commission for said city," and authorizing the appointment of the chief engineer of the fire department an inspector of buildings in said city.

House Bill No. 454, An act relating to municipal finances, and to amend chapter 43, Session Laws of 1895, authorizing municipal corporations to issue bonds.

House Bill No. 473, An act relating to harvesting ice on public waters.

House Bill No. 482, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 61, Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 15, Laws of 1893, relating to collection of taxes of non-residents.

House Bill No. 490, An act in amendment of sections 4 and 5 of chapter 65 of the Public Statutes and all amendments thereof and relating to the taxation of savings banks.

House Bill No. 517, An act relating to tuberculosis.

House Bill No. 543, An act in amendment of section 4 of chapter 198 of the Laws of 1911 relating to the bureau of labor.

House Bill No. 556, An act establishing a jewelers' repair lien law.

House Bill No. 562, An act to allow the city of Dover to acquire land for an armory.

House Bill No. 563, An act to amend section 5 of chapter 212 of the Public Statutes relating to sheriffs, coroners and constables.

House Bill No. 564, An act to authorize the adjutant-general to insure property of the United States while in the possession of the state for the use of the militia.

House Bill No. 567, An act to amend chapter 124 of the Laws of 1878, entitled "An act to incorporate the Holder-ness School for Boys."

House Bill No. 569, An act legalizing the proceedings at the annual town meeting of the town of Wentworth held March 13, 1917.

House Joint Resolution No. 14, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the New Hampshire state sanatorium.

House Joint Resolution No. 89, Joint resolution in favor of the construction of a permanent highway leading from Pontook falls in Dummer, through West Milan, to Stark.

The report was accepted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 597, An act in amendment of section 2 of chapter 141 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the courts, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Jones of Manchester, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 578, An act relating to the taxation of money deposited in banks without this

state, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by renumbering section 2 so that it shall be section 3, and further amend by adding a new section thereto to be numbered section 2 as follows:

"SECT. 2. If any state exempts similar deposits in banks in this state, including interest thereon, to owners residing in that state, the provisions of this act shall not apply to deposits in that state."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Dole of Concord, for the Committee on Banks, to whom was referred House Bill No. 555, An act fixing the rate of the excise tax for savings banks and similar institutions, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Lee of Concord moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, but subsequently withdrew his motion.

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Nowell of Exeter moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On a *viva voce* vote the negative prevailed.

Mr. Beane of Concord, for the Committee on Incorporations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 598, An act to incorporate the Union Village Water-Works company, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for a majority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 206, An act to define the rights of trade unions in labor disputes, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for a minority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 206, An act to define the rights of trade unions in labor disputes, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

Mr. Barry of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Barry,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion to substitute prevailed.

The bill was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for a majority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 262, An act to amend section 20 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes relating to hours of labor, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Barry of Manchester, for a minority of the Committee on Labor, to whom was referred House Bill No. 262, An act to amend section 20 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes relating to hours of labor, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

Mr. Barry of Manchester moved that the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority.

The question bring on the motion of Mr. Barry,

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Snow of Whitefield, the bill was re-committed to the Committee on Labor.

By unanimous consent Mr. Fairbanks of Newport offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the use of Representatives' Hall be granted the Committee on Railroads for this evening.

The question being on the resolution.

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 599, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915 relating to motor vehicles, with the recommendation that the bill be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

The report was accepted, the bill read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and recommitted to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

Mr. Winant of Concord, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 571, An act to declare houses of ill-fame, lewdness, assignation or prostitution to be nuisances and to enjoin and abate the same, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 3 by inserting after the word "state" in line 2 of the printed bill the word "or"; further amend said section by striking out after the word "solicitor" in said

line 2 the following: "or any person who is a citizen of the state"; further amend said section 3 by inserting after the word "attorney-general" in line 5 of the printed bill the word "or"; and further amending said section by striking out after the word "solicitor" in line 6 of the printed bill the words "or person," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. Whenever a nuisance exists the attorney-general of the state or the county solicitor may bring an action in equity in the name of the state of New Hampshire, upon the relation of such attorney-general or county solicitor to abate such nuisance and to perpetually enjoin the person or persons maintaining the same from further maintenance thereof."

Amend section 5 by striking out in line 1 of the printed bill the word "noticed" and inserting in place thereof the words "in order"; further amend said section by striking out after the word "defined" in line 13 of the printed bill all of said section down to line 31 thereof, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 5. The action when brought shall be in order for trial at the first term of the court and shall have precedence over all other cases except crimes, election contests, or injunctions. In such actions evidence of the general reputation of the place or an admission or finding of guilt of any person under the criminal laws against prostitution, lewdness, or assignation at any such place shall be admissible for the purpose of proving the existence of said nuisance and shall be *prima facie* evidence of such nuisance and of knowledge of and of acquiescence and participation therein on the part of the person or persons charged with maintaining said nuisance as herein defined. If the existence of the nuisance be established upon the trial, a judgment shall be entered which shall perpetually enjoin the respondents and any other person or persons from further maintaining the nuisance at the place complained of and the respondents from maintaining such nuisance elsewhere within the judicial district."

Amend section 8 by striking out after the word "arrested" in line 11 of the printed bill the following: "The trial may be had upon affidavits or either party may demand the production and oral examination of the witnesses," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 8. In cases of the violation of any injunction or closing order granted under provisions of this act or of a restraining order or the commission of any contempt of court in proceedings under this act, the court or, in vacation, a judge thereof, may summarily try and punish the offender. The proceeding shall be commenced by filing with the clerk of the court a complaint under oath, setting out and alleging acts constituting such violation, upon which the court or judge shall cause a warrant to issue, under which the defendant shall be arrested. A party found guilty of contempt under the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than three nor more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Tarbell of Lyndeborough, for the Committee on Towns, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 59, An act relative to the raising of money by towns in time of war, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Bartlett of Pittsfield, for the Committee on National Affairs, to whom was referred House Bill No. 253, An act to increase respect for our national anthem, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking out in the second and third lines the words "at any public entertainment as an entrance or exit piece, neither shall it be played," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. The 'Star Spangled Banner' shall not be played in whole, or in part, in any medley, nor as dance music, or in ragtime."

The report was accepted.

The question being on the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative appeared to prevail.

Mr. Pearson of Laconia called for a division.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, with the division pending, at 12.40 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 35 minutes.

(After recess.)

The consideration of House Bill No. 253, An act to increase respect for our national anthem, was resumed.

The question being on the amendment proposed by the committee, with a division pending,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Bilodeau of Rochester moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Bilodeau,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester asked unanimous consent to report a bill not previously advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 600, An act to amend "An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies" approved March 15, 1917, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Ryder of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules

were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Lee of Concord rose to a question of personal privilege and stated that he would like to ask the chairman of the Appropriations Committee if he could tell the House in a general way, the amount of money the "budget bill" calls for for the coming two years; also the amount called for by special appropriations and from what source the state receives this money to meet these appropriations and the amount received.

The chairman of the Appropriations Committee replied.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover called for the special order, House Bill No. 72 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 47 of the Laws of 1913, being "An act to provide for the construction of dams of a height in excess of twenty-five feet under the supervision of a state inspector."

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the bill was ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Couch of Concord called for the special order, House Bill No. 590, An act conferring further jurisdiction upon the public service commission relating to railroad rates and fares.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the bill was ordered to a third reading.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Cummings of Littleton offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives resolve itself into a committee of the whole at 11.02 a. m., on Wednesday, April 11, to consider House Bill No. 591 and to hear all persons interested in said measure.

The question being on the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the resolution was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Ahern, at 3.01 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 72 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 47 of the Laws of 1913, being "An act to provide for the construction of dams of a height in excess of twenty-five feet under the supervision of a state inspector."

Read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence:

House Bill No. 206, An act to define the rights of trade unions in labor disputes.

The bill being in order for a third reading, Mr. Duffy of Franklin moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Duffy,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative appeared to prevail.

Mr. Barry of Manchester called for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared manifestly in the affirmative and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House Bill No. 571, An act to declare houses of ill-fame, lewdness, assignation or prostitution to be nuisances and to enjoin and abate the same.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 578, An act relating to the taxation of money deposited in banks without this state.

The third reading being in order, Mr. Nelson of Manchester moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Nelson,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

House Bill No. 598, An act to incorporate the Union Village Water-Works company.

House Bill No. 590, An act conferring further jurisdiction upon the public service commission relating to railroad rates and fares.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 59, An act relative to the raising of money by towns in time of war.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Nowell of Exeter, at 3.28 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill and joint resolution, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 149 (In new draft), An act in amendment of section 21 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes, as

amended by chapter 134 of the Laws of 1909, relating to weekly payment of wages.

House Joint Resolution No. 9, Joint resolution to carry into effect provisions of chapter 132, Session Laws of 1915, and to provide aid for dependent mothers.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur in the adoption of the amendment offered by the House of Representatives to the following entitled bill:

Senate Bill No. 54, An act relating to establishment of bonded warehouses.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bills, in the adoption of which the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 390, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, as amended by chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles.

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows:

"An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 2, chapter 81, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles."

Amend section 1 by striking out the first five lines ending with the words "as follows" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 2, chapter 81, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 527, An act relating to the quality of milk and providing for standardized milk.

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17, chapter 127 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 2, chapter 107, Laws of 1901, and section 1, chapter 71, Laws of 1911, is hereby amended by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 17. If any person shall adulterate milk, skim-milk or cream with water or otherwise to be sold, or shall sell or offer for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell, any adulterated or unwholesome milk, skim-milk or cream containing any coloring matter or preservative, or any milk produced from sick or diseased cows, or cows fed upon any substance which may be deleterious to the quality of milk, skim-milk or cream, or shall sell or offer for sale, or have in possession with intent to sell as milk, any milk from which the cream or a part thereof has been removed, he shall be fined not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars, or imprisoned not more than sixty days, or both. If upon analysis any milk shall be found to contain less than eleven and eighty-five one hundredths per cent. of milk solids, or less than three and thirty-five one hundredths per cent. of butter fat, or more than five hundred thousand bacteria per cubic centimeter, at the time of sale, or in the case of skim-milk, less than eight and one-half per cent. of milk solids exclusive of fat, or in the case of cream, less than eighteen per cent. of butter fat, or in the cases of butter and renovated butter, less than eighty per cent. of butter fat, or more than sixteen per cent. of water, such product shall not be deemed as of standard quality; and the sale, offering for sale or having in possession with intent to sell, by any person, firm or corporation, of milk, skim-milk, cream, butter or renovated butter which fails to conform to the requirements herein specified, shall be punished by a fine of ten dollars. *Provided*, that pure natural milk which shall contain less than the amounts of

solids and fats herein specified may be sold if every can, bottle, or other container in which such milk is shipped, sold or delivered, at wholesale or retail, is plainly labeled so as to show its guaranteed composition."

Amend section 3 by striking out the words "as amended by chapter 71 of the Laws of 1911" and inserting in place thereof the words "and amendments thereto as amended by section 1 of this act," so that said section shall read as follows:

"SECT. 3. Standardized milk is hereby defined as the product resulting from the blending of milk or skim-milk with clean, fresh, natural cream, under proper sanitary conditions, and in such manner as to afford a milk of a certain definite composition. Such milk shall conform in all respects to the standards of quality and purity as provided in section 17 of chapter 127 of the Public Statutes, and amendments thereto, as amended by section 1 of this act."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 561, An act to provide for a home guard.

Amend the bill by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Said board, acting with the governor, shall make regulations to provide for the manner and form of enlistment, organization, government, discipline, maintenance, armament, equipment, and for compensation of the home guard when called into active service, and do all things necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of this act. Such compensation so paid shall not be at a greater rate than that now paid the national guard while in active state service."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 144, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the payment of forest fire bills.

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, is hereby amended by striking out the words "as the case may be" and substituting therefor the words "or the proper city department"; and the said section 9 is further amended by striking out the words "within one month of the date" and substituting therefor the words "as soon as possible after"; and the said section 9 is further amended by striking out in the eighteenth and nineteenth lines thereof the words "who shall draw his order on the state treasurer" and substituting therefor the following, "who, if he finds the same to be correct, shall forward it to the state treasurer with his approval, and the governor shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer"; and the said section 9 is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "If any such bill is not paid by a town or city within thirty days from the date rendered by the forest fire warden the state forester may investigate the cause thereof and may issue an order for the payment of said bill. Upon receipt of said order the said bill shall be paid forthwith by the selectmen of the town or the mayor of the city or the proper city department," so that the said section 9 as amended shall read:

"SECT. 9. The expenses of fighting forest and brush fires in towns and cities and other expenses lawfully incurred by forest fire wardens and deputy forest fire wardens

of said towns and cities in preventing forest fires, shall be borne equally by the town or city and by the state. The forest fire wardens shall render to the selectmen or the mayor or the proper city department, a statement of said expenses as soon as possible after they are incurred, which said bill shall show in detail the amount and character of the services performed, the exact duration thereof, and all disbursements made by said wardens, and must bear the approval of the forest fire warden, and the approval also of the deputy forest fire warden, if said expenses were incurred by the authority of said deputy forest fire warden; said bill shall be audited, and if approved by the selectmen of the town or mayor of the city wherein such services were incurred, shall be paid on the order of the selectmen by the town or city treasurer. A duplicate bill, showing that the same has been audited and paid by the town, shall be filed by the selectmen or the mayor with the state forester, who, if he finds the same to be correct, shall forward it to the state treasurer with his approval, and the governor shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer in favor of said town or city for the portion of said bill for which the state is liable in accordance with the provisions of this section. If any such bill is not paid by a town or city within thirty days from the date rendered by the forest fire warden the state forester may investigate the cause thereof and may issue an order for the payment of said bill. Upon receipt of said order the said bill shall be paid forthwith by the selectmen of the town or the mayor of the city or the proper city department."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 265, An act to authorize the Connecticut River Power company of New Hampshire to transfer its properties, rights and franchises in this state.

Amend the bill by adding at the end two new sections to read as follows:

SECT. 7. If the said New England Power company at any time hereafter shall bring in a federal court or remove to a federal court on the ground of diverse citizenship any proceeding relating to the amount or validity of any tax assessed against said company by any city or town in this state all rights, privileges and franchises conferred by this act upon said company, in so far as they relate to its business carried on within this state, shall terminate and become forfeited, upon a judgment or decree of the superior court establishing the facts, in proceedings brought by the attorney-general against said company in the name of the state in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SECT. 8. Section 17, chapter 164, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 17, chapter 145, Laws of 1913, is hereby amended by striking out the words "apply to the transmitting of electrical energy generated from water powers upon the Connecticut river; nor shall they," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 17. No corporation engaged in the generation of electrical energy by water power shall engage in the business of transmitting or conveying the same beyond the confines of the state unless it shall first file notice of its intention so to do with the public service commission and obtain an order of said commission permitting it to engage in such business. The commission may of its own motion or on application of any person, investigate or make inquiry, in a manner to be determined by it, as to the existence of an available market at fair rates within the state; and if it shall find that such a market does not exist within a reasonable distance of the power development, it may make an order granting such permission and may impose the condition that consumers within the state shall be furnished service by said corporation upon terms as favorable as shall be granted to consumers outside the state, having due regard to all facts and conditions which may affect said subject: *provided, however,* that nothing in this para-

graph shall apply to corporations now engaged in the business of transmitting such electrical energy to any place outside the state, but any addition to such energy generated from any water power except such as it may be using in connection with such business at the date of the passage of this act, shall come under the provisions of this paragraph. *Provided, further,* that the provisions of this paragraph shall not prevent any railroad corporation doing business in this state from transmitting electrical energy beyond the confines of the state for the purpose of operating its road between some point in this state and any point or points outside the state."

Amend the title by adding the words "and to amend section 17, chapter 164, Laws of 1911, as inserted by section 17, chapter 145, Laws of 1913, relating to the business of transmitting electrical power beyond the limits of the state," so that said title as amended shall read as follows:

"An act to authorize the Connecticut River Power company of New Hampshire to transfer its properties, rights, and franchises in this state, and to amend section 17, chapter 164, Laws of 1911, as inserted by section 17, chapter 145, Laws of 1913, relating to the business of transmitting electrical power beyond the limits of the state."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 316, An act to provide for a co-operative survey of the boundary line between the state of New Hampshire and state of Maine.

Amend the bill by striking out sections 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof two new sections to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. As soon as practicable after the passage of this act, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a surveyor, who shall be a civil engineer and who shall, under the direction of the

governor and council, in conjunction with a surveyor to be appointed by the governor of the state of Maine, perambulate and survey the dividing line between the state of New Hampshire and the state of Maine, from the ancient bound at the outlet of East pond, at the head of the Salmon Falls river, to the northern terminus on the Canada line; examine and identify as far as possible all existing monuments placed upon the line by former surveyors; erect or cause to be erected such additional permanent monuments as may be necessary to plainly mark the line throughout its entire length, and said monuments, in addition to such words, letters and dates thereon, as may be deemed necessary, shall have the elevations above sea-level indicated upon them.

"SECT. 2. Said surveyor shall make such other surveys with reference to said line, and shall keep such records of his work and prepare such maps, for the use of the state, as the governor and council may direct, and shall on or before December 1, 1918, render to the governor and council a report covering such details of the work as they may require, who shall submit the same to the legislature at its next session, with such recommendations as they may think proper."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 536, An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day and to establish Stark-Sullivan day.

Amend the title by striking out the whole thereof and substituting the following:

"An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day, and to establish America day."

Amend section 1 by striking out the words "Stark-Sullivan day" in the third line thereof, and substituting therefor the words "America day," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Legal holidays shall be the first day of January; the twenty-second day of February, Washington's birthday; the fourth Thursday of April, America day; the thirtieth day of May, Memorial day; the fourth day of July, Independence day; the first Monday of September, Labor day; the twelfth day of October, Columbus day; the day on which the biennial elections are held; Thanksgiving day, whenever appointed; and Christmas day; and whenever any holiday occurs on Sunday the following day shall be observed as a holiday."

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking out at the end thereof the words "and this act shall take effect upon its passage" and substituting in place thereof the following: "and this act shall take effect May 1, 1917," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Section 24 of chapter 39 and section 24 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes, chapter 11, Laws of 1899, chapter 96, Laws of 1909, chapter 22, Laws of 1913, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect May 1, 1917."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House refused to concur in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Collins of Lebanon, Bell of Exeter and Winant of Concord.

House Bill No. 580, An act to legalize the town meeting of the town of Francestown held March thirteenth, 1917.

Amend section 1 by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The town meetings of the towns of Francestown and Rumney held March thirteenth, 1917, are hereby legalized, ratified and confirmed."

Amend the title of said bill by striking out the whole thereof and substituting in place thereof the following:

"An act to legalize the town meetings of the towns of Francestown and Rumney held March thirteenth, 1917."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 584, An act relating to willful and malicious injuries.

Amend the bill by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. If any person shall willfully, wantonly or maliciously injure, destroy or damage any public or other building or other property belonging to, or leased or used by the state, or any county, city, town or public utility within the state; or any building used for manufacturing purposes or for storage of grain or food products; or any munitions of war or other goods or property useful for military purposes while in process of manufacture, in transit or in storage; or any gas or oil tank; or any dam at the outlet of any lake or pond or upon any river or stream within the state; or any bridge upon any public highway, or toll bridge; or any buildings, rails, culverts, bridges, tracks, platforms or other parts or appendages of any railroad, or street or electric railway, or any engines or cars used thereon; or any posts, wires or other materials or fixtures of any railroad or public telegraph or telephone line, electric light or power line or any other public utility; or any fire engine or hydrant, or the apparatus thereto belonging; or any spring or reservoir or other property of any water company or of any city or town or municipal corporation used by it to supply water to its inhabitants or for extinguishing fires, or any aqueduct leading therefrom; or shall willfully, wantonly or maliciously place any obstruction on any public or toll bridge or public road with intention to injure persons passing thereon; or change, move, open, displace or tamper with any switch belonging to any railroad; or poison, defile or corrupt any well, spring, brook, lake, pond, river or reservoir, the water from which is used for domestic purposes, he shall be punished by a

fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and a joint resolution, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 168, An act to provide for the freeing of Eliot toll bridge and authorize Strafford county to maintain that part lying within said county.

House Bill No. 512, An act to provide for investigation by the attorney-general for the rise in prices of the necessities of life.

House Bill No. 514, An act to more effectively restrain agreements to regulate and fix prices of commodities in this state and to restrain combinations and monopolies in commodities and provide penalties therefor.

House Bill No. 575, An act to provide for meeting the obligations of the state incidental to the acceptance of federal aid in the construction of roads.

House Bill No. 585, An act relating to the registration of information concerning aliens.

House Bill No. 586, An act legalizing the proceedings at the annual town meetings and adjournments thereof of the towns of Strafford and Ashland held March thirteenth, 1917.

House Bill No. 592, An act to provide for the appointment of temporary heads of state departments in case of incapacity by reason of illness or otherwise.

House Bill No. 594, An act to amend chapter 308 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the water supply in Salem and Methuen.

House Joint Resolution No. 17, Joint resolution relating to pay for plans for hospital building at state prison.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 61, An act to repeal chapter 13 of the Laws of 1917, entitled "An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs at law and beneficiaries," approved February 16, 1917.

SENATE BILL READ AND REFERRED.

Senate Bill No. 61, An act to repeal chapter 13 of the Laws of 1917, entitled "An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs at law and beneficiaries," approved February 16, 1917.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Fairbanks of Newport asked unanimous consent to introduce a report from a committee not previously advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Childs of Hillsborough, for a majority of the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 591, An act to authorize the rehabilitation of the Boston and Maine railroad system and the union of the certain railroads, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 8 by inserting after the word "act" in line 6 of said section as printed the following: "and, in the case of bonds, that the price at which they are to be issued is reasonable," and by adding at the end of said section the following: "If the receivership proceedings shall be terminated before reorganization is effected, the legal and other expenses provided for by the twentieth clause of the plan hereinbefore set forth shall be paid by the Boston and Maine railroad or the new corporation only after the

public service commission shall have certified that they are just and reasonable.

"Whenever application shall be made to the public service commission under the provisions of this act for the issuance of any certificate or for the approval of any act done or proposed to be done, whether by the Boston and Maine railroad or by said new corporation, the petitioner shall pay as costs the expenses incurred by the commission in attending or holding any hearing or conference thereon, or for attorneys, experts or accountants whose services the commission may require in connection with any such hearing or conference, or in making any investigation preliminary to passing upon such application," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 8. No stock or bonds shall be issued under the authority herein granted until the public service commission of New Hampshire after notice and a public hearing shall have certified that the proposed issues may lawfully be made under the provisions of this act, and, in the case of bonds, that the price at which they are to be issued is reasonable. Except as provided in section 1 hereof no approval of said commission shall be required of the plan, or the separate contracts or terms thereof made with any subsidiary companies for the purchase and sale of properties and franchises or for consolidation; but no such contract shall be valid or binding and no payment or obligation shall be made or incurred thereunder until said commission shall have certified that the obligations of such contract are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act. Whenever application is made to said commission for the approval of any act done or proposed to be done under the authority hereof or by the new or reorganized corporation, said commission may hold such joint hearings for the taking of evidence and such conference in regard to conclusions with the public service commission of Massachusetts and the public utilities commission of Maine or with either of said commissions as may be deemed necessary or expedient, provided similar or analogous action is authorized by legis-

lation in said states or either of them. If the receivership proceedings shall be terminated before reorganization is effected, the legal and other expenses provided for by the twentieth clause of the plan hereinbefore set forth shall be paid by the Boston and Maine railroad or the new corporation only after the public service commission shall have certified that they are just and reasonable.

"Whenever application shall be made to the public service commission under the provisions of this act for the issuance of any certificate or for the approval of any act done or proposed to be done, whether by the Boston and Maine railroad or by said new corporation, the petitioner shall pay as costs the expenses incurred by the commission in attending or holding any hearing or conference thereon, or for attorneys, experts or accountants whose services the commission may require in connection with any such hearing or conference, or in making any investigation preliminary to passing upon such application."

The report was accepted.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Railroads, to whom was referred House Bill No. 591, An act to authorize the rehabilitation of the Boston and Maine railroad system and the union of the certain railroad companies, being unable to agree with the majority, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That action upon the bill be deferred until such a time as it can have a full and careful consideration by the members of the House.

HENRY C. METCALF.

ROBERT T. GOULD.

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Newport, the bill with the reports was laid upon the table and made a special order for Thursday, April 12, at 11.01 o'clock.

TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the following resolution was taken from the table:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives resolve itself

into a committee of the whole at 11.02 a. m., on Wednesday, April 11, to consider House Bill No. 591 and to hear all persons interested in said measure.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Cummings of Littleton offered the following substitute resolution:

Resolved, That this House convene itself into a committee of the whole at 2 o'clock for the purpose of listening to arguments pro and con on House Bill No. 591, relating to the reorganization of the Boston and Maine railroad company and that a time limit of one hour be allowed to each the proponents and objectors of this bill and that the chairman of the public service commission afterwards be allowed to give the House further information on this same bill.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough asked unanimous consent to present the report of a committee not previously advertised.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 601, An act in amendment of chapter 177 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the improvement and encouragement of the breeding of poultry, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Bell of Exeter asked unanimous consent to present the report of a committee not previously advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 602, An act in amendment of section 3 of chapter 162 of the Laws of 1915, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1917, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Exeter, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 603, An act relating to the salaries of certain state officials, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 604, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the state of New Hampshire for the year ending August 31, 1918, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on

Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 605, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the state of New Hampshire for the year ending August 31, 1919, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time and laid upon the table to be printed.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 411, An act establishing and changing the present location of a part of a system of continuous highways as enumerated in section 1 of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, reported the same with the following amendment and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Add to section 1 at the end thereof the following:

· "*Provided* that the town of Strafford pay the cost in addition to its proportional share of the expense of construction, as may be estimated by the highway commission, of a road foundation over sections of said highway where at present there is no road, agreeably to vote of said town passed at its annual meeting held March, 1916."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 13, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the state prison, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough offered the following amendment:

Amend said resolution by adding at the end thereof the following words, "said sums to be laid out under the direction and supervision of the trustee of state institutions," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That the sum of thirteen thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for improvements at the state prison, as follows: for providing and equipping mess-hall, eight thousand dollars; for replacing two wornout steam boilers, five thousand dollars; and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, said sums to be laid out under the direction and supervision of the trustee of state institutions."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted. The joint resolution was then ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 46, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements and extensions at the New Hampshire state hospital, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"That the sum of fifteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to provide for the completion and equipment of the Walker building, so called, at the New Hampshire state hospital, as follows: \$12,500 to finish the attic of said new building; \$2,500 to build piazza to said Walker building, as shown on the plans; \$750 for miscellaneous purposes; viz: wire screening piazza. Said sums to be expended under the direction and control of the board of trustees of state institutions and said resolution shall take effect May 15, 1917."

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the joint resolution ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Morrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 384, An act in favor of Plymouth normal school, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The sum of sixteen thousand five hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for repairs and improvements at Plymouth normal school, viz:

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| "(1) For drainage, grading, walks, gutters, etc.,
about Mary Lyon House (new dormitory), | \$3,300 |
| "(2) Furniture for dormitory and gymnasium, | 1,000 |
| "(3) Buying the property east of building, | 4,000 |
| "(4) Subway from boiler room with new steam
piping, | 7,500 |
| "(5) General repairs, | 700 |

"Said sums to be expended under the direction and control of the board of trustees of state institutions and said act shall take effect May 15, 1917."

The report was accepted and the amendment adopted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and House Joint Resolution No. 13, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the state prison, made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and House Joint Resolution No. 46, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements and extensions at the New Hampshire state hospital, made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Emerson of Hanover, for the Committee on Education, to whom was referred House Bill No. 509 (In Senate new draft), An act in relation to free tuition in high schools

and academies in certain cases and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Callahan of Keene, for the Committee on Labor, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 606, An act to prohibit, during time of war, or invasion, the coercion of labor, strikes and lockouts, in certain cases, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Callahan of Keene, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the following concurrent resolution, *Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring*, That any citizen of this state who has been legally drafted for military service from this state shall not be permitted to evade such military duty by means of substitution, or any other subterfuge whatever. The only exceptions to this resolution being physical incapacity, and statutory age limitation, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the same be not adopted.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Gilmore of Epping, for the Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws of 1911; chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and an act approved by the legislature March 8,

1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases,'" reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out the words "or not more than one-eighth grain of alpha or beta eucaine" in lines 16 and 17, and also in lines 41 and 42 of the printed bill, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws of 1911; chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and by an act approved by the legislature March 8, 1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases,'" by inserting after the words "shall not apply" in the ninth line of the original section the words "to sales of liquid preparations sold in good faith as medicines containing not more than two grains of opium, or not more than one-fourth grain of morphine, or not more than one-eighth grain of heroin, or not more than one grain of codeine, in one fluid ounce or if a solid preparation, in one avoirdupois ounce, nor."

Further amend said section by inserting after the words "kept on file" in the twelfth line of the original section the words "for two years," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to sell, exchange, deliver, expose for sale, give away, or have in his possession or custody with intent to sell, exchange, deliver, or give away, in any street, way, square, park, or other public place, or in any hotel, restaurant, liquor saloon, bar-room, pool-room, news stand,

or other places to which persons are permitted generally to resort, public hall, place of amusement, or public building any cocaine or any of its salts, or any synthetic substitute for the aforesaid, or any preparation containing any of the same, morphine, heroin, codeine, or any derivatives of the same; *provided, however*, that the foregoing provisions shall not apply to sales of liquid preparations sold in good faith as medicines containing not more than two grains of opium, or not more than one-fourth grain of morphine, or not more than one-eighth grain of heroin, or not more than one grain of codeine, in one fluid ounce, or if a solid preparation, in one avoirdupois ounce, nor to sales to apothecaries, druggists, physicians, veterinaries, and dentists, nor to sales by apothecaries or druggists upon the original prescription of a physician, *provided* the prescription is retained and kept on file for two years as authority for the sale and not refilled. The chief of police of cities or the selectmen of towns, or any officer authorized by either of them, may at any time enter upon any premises used by an apothecary or druggist for the purpose of his business and inspect such original prescriptions; and every apothecary or druggist, his clerk, agent or servant, shall exhibit to such officer on demand, every such original prescription so kept on file."

The report was accepted, the amendments adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Horan of Manchester, for the special committee consisting of the delegation from the city of Manchester, to whom was referred House Bill No. 304, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 163, Laws of 1878, as amended by section 1, chapter 420, Laws of 1913, relating to the time of holding elections in the city of Manchester, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

On motion of Mr. Emerson of Hanover, the rules were suspended and House Bill No. 509 (In Senate new draft),

An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905, made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Emerson of Hanover, the rules were suspended and Senate Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws of 1911; chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and an act approved by the legislature March 8, 1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine, and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases,' " made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. McKay of Manchester called for the special order, House Bill No. 414, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 264 of the Laws of 1893, relating to the playing of ball and other games, and authorizing amateur baseball playing on Sunday.

A majority of the committee reported the bill with the resolution that it is inexpedient to legislate.

A minority of the committee reported the bill in a new draft and with a new title, and with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority?

On motion of Mr. McKay of Manchester, the bill with motion to substitute pending, was laid upon the table and

made a special order for Tuesday, April 17, at 11.02 o'clock.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Challis of Manchester offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Troops of the states of Massachusetts and of Vermont have been ordered into this state for guard duty or other purposes; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire, neither as a colony nor as a state, has ever felt called upon to ask or require the services of any other state either to defend her honor or to maintain domestic tranquility; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire furnished more troops than Massachusetts at Bunker Hill and won the victory for Vermont at Bennington, therefore be it

Resolved, the Senate concurring, that the governor be requested to inquire forthwith why troops from other states are ordered for any duty into the state of New Hampshire, and why New Hampshire is subjected to the apparent humiliation of having troops from other states performing duty within its limits which its own national guard is amply able and willing to perform;

Resolved, That these resolutions be at once transmitted to the senators and members of Congress from this state, that they may make such representations to their respective bodies as shall maintain the honor of a state which has never yet failed in any patriotic duty.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On motion of Mr. Bartlett of Portsmouth, the resolution was laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 411, An act establishing and changing the present location of a part of a system of continuous highways as enumerated in section 1 of chapter 93, Laws of 1915.

The third reading being in order, on motion of Mr. McDaniel of Barrington, the bill was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, April 18, at 11.01 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.15 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 45 minutes.

(After recess.)

On motion of Mr. Fairbanks of Newport, the House went into committee of the whole.

The Speaker appointed Mr. Collins of Lebanon as chairman of the committee of the whole.

(In Committee of the Whole.)

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the Committee rose.

HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 6.04 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

On motion of Mr. Duffy of Franklin, at 6.05 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Brogan of Plymouth, Goodboo of Groton and Morrison of Orford were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use.

House Bill No. 561, An act to provide for a home guard.

House Bill No. 584, An act relating to willful and malicious injuries.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 15, An act relative to obstructions in state highways, reported the same under Joint Rule 6 with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 2 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 2. The notice of removal of any such pole shall designate the location in the highway to which the same shall be removed and such notice, together with affidavit or acceptance of service thereof, shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the city or town in which such pole is located. The notice shall take effect when the same, with such affidavit or acceptance of service endorsed

thereon, shall be thus recorded, and the ten days shall run from the date of such record. The location defined in such notice of any pole so removed, together with the wires thereon, shall be of the same validity as if located under the provisions of chapter 81 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapters 16, 81 and 92, Laws of 1897, and chapter 81, Laws of 1903. Any removal made in compliance with this act shall be at the expense of the owner."

The report was accepted and the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 53, An act in amendment of section 14 of chapter 93 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 61, Laws of 1901, chapter 13, Laws of 1903, chapter 139, Laws of 1911, chapter 221, Laws of 1913, relating to attendance of children at school, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 599, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915 relating to motor vehicles, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 444, An act to repeal chapter 95 of the Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," and to amend the laws prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor; and to prohibit the manufacture of intoxicating liquor for beverage use.

House Joint Resolution No. 22, Joint resolution for the repair of the Sandwich Notch and Dale road in the town of Sandwich.

House Joint Resolution No. 43, Joint resolution providing for the investigation of the possibilities for the conservation and better utilization of water power.

House Joint Resolution No. 44, Joint resolution appropriating money for agricultural fairs in New Hampshire.

House Joint Resolution No. 63 (In new draft), Joint resolution for the repair of the Cherry Mountain road in the town of Jefferson.

House Joint Resolution No. 72, Joint resolution to provide for the construction, repair and maintenance of the highway between the First and Second Connecticut lakes in Pittsburg.

House Joint Resolution No. 88 (In new draft), Joint resolution appropriating money for improvement and maintenance of state highway leading from Little Diamond pond to Big Diamond pond.

House Joint Resolution No. 104, Joint resolution to provide for the payment of any balance that may be due on account of land taken by the state in Crawford Notch and expenses incident thereto.

House Bill No. 199, An act permitting sterilizing operations in certain cases of mental diseases and feeble-mindedness.

House Bill No. 208 (In new draft), An act to regulate the storage, distribution and sale of cold storage food.

House Bill No. 448, An act for the better protection of brook trout in the Ellis and Wildcat rivers, their tributaries, the east and west branches of the Saco river, and the ponds in Carter Notch, all situated in the northern part of Carroll, and southern part of Coös counties.

House Bill No. 496 (In new draft), An act to incorporate the Marlborough Water-Works company.

House Bill No. 530, An act to restore the real estate of Frank Dearborn to the town of Lee for school purposes.

House Bill No. 558, An act to provide for the safety and health of employees in factories and workshops.

House Bill No. 565, An act relating to official seals for towns.

House Bill No. 570, An act to prevent stock-watering and excessive capitalization of railroads and public utilities.

House Bill No. 573, An act relative to the unused balances of money appropriated for the benefit of soldiers and sailors who served in the war with Spain, and of money to be raised for the benefit of members of the national guard who served on the Mexican border.

House Bill No. 581, An act to amend section 7 of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill and joint resolution, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 432, An act to require the reporting of industrial accidents and occupational diseases.

House Joint Resolution No. 53, Joint resolution providing for medical and surgical treatment for indigent, crippled and tuberculous children.

The message also announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 146, An act in amendment of chapter 95, Laws of 1911, relating to portable steam sawmills.

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend chapter 95, Laws of 1911, by striking

out all of section 1 and substituting in place thereof the following section:

"SECTION 1. No person, except when the ground is covered with snow, shall operate any portable steam mill unless the same is provided with a suitable spark arrester, approved by the state forester, and unless the slash caused by wood and timber cutting shall have been removed for a distance not less than one hundred feet from said mill, when required to do so by the state forester or his authorized agent. Such approval of a spark arrester shall be in writing signed by the state forester, and said approval may be revoked by him in the same manner. When any such mill is moved from one town or city to another said mill shall not be operated until the owner or operator thereof has notified the forestry commission, or the district chief or the town forest fire warden of the new location of said mill."

SECT. 2. Amend by striking out all of section 3 and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 3. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be fined not less than fifty dollars and not more than one hundred dollars."

SECT. 3. This act shall take effect July first, 1917.

On motion of Mr. Woodman of Milford, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 216, An act to compensate owners for domestic live-stock killed or wounded in the open season, for deer, by hunters before December first, in each year.

Amend the title of said bill by striking out the whole thereof and substituting the following:

"An act to compensate owners for domestic live-stock killed or wounded in the open season for deer by hunters in each year."

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out in the third and fourth lines thereof the words "prior to the first day of

December in each year," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. For all domestic live-stock killed or wounded by hunters for deer in the open season, for deer, in any county, the state shall compensate the owners thereof. The amount of damages in each case shall be assessed by the commissioner of agriculture or under his direction, and said sum, or sums, shall be a charge upon the fish and game fund and paid therefrom."

On motion of Mr. Bell of Plymouth, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 516 (In new draft), An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 155, Laws of 1913, relating to the clearing of lumber slash along highways, as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1915.

Amend section 1 of said bill by striking out in the thirty-fourth line thereof the figures "138" and substituting in place thereof the figures "128," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 155, Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 6. On and after July first, 1917, any person, firm or corporation cutting wood or lumber on property adjacent to the right of way of any steam or electric railroad or public highway, or adjacent to the land of another, shall dispose of the slash caused by such cutting in such a manner that the inflammable material shall not remain on the ground within sixty (60) feet of the right of way of any steam railroad, or within twenty-five (25) feet of the right of way of any electric railroad or the traveled part of any public highway; and when cutting on land adjacent to the land of another, shall fell the trees away from and not towards nor parallel with the property line of the abutting

owner so that the slash from the tops of said trees, when on the ground, shall be as far from the said property line as the felling of the trees in a practicable manner will carry it. Any operator of wood or timber on such land, or any owner of such land where cutting is done, may be fined not more than ten (10) dollars for each acre of such land or fraction thereof, or for each one hundred (100) linear feet or fraction thereof from which the inflammable material is not properly removed or disposed of within sixty (60) days from the cutting of the trees thereon; *provided*, that any owner or operator who cuts wood or timber during the winter, after November, shall have until May 1 in Grafton, Carroll and Coös counties, and until April 1 in other counties, to remove the slash in accordance with the provisions of this section. If such slash is destroyed by burning, such burning shall be done with the permission of the town forest fire warden. The forestry commission is hereby charged with the execution of this section. All owners or operators shall be required to use due care in clearing such land, and shall not be relieved of liability for damage imposed by chapter 128, Laws of 1909, and amendments thereto; but no owner of such land shall be liable for damages resulting from fires not set by himself or his agents."

On motion of Mr. Woodman of Milford, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 548, An act relating to examiners of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles.

Amend section 2 of said bill by adding at the end of said section the following: "The only compensation allowed such commissioners under this section shall be the fees allowed the sheriffs for serving criminal process and three dollars (\$3) per day for attending court, all of which should be taxed as costs," so that said section as amended will read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Such examiners shall, under the direction of the commissioner, have power to enforce all laws relating to motor vehicles and all rules and regulations in relation thereto, and may make arrests for violations thereof. They shall also have in motor vehicle matters power to serve criminal process and to require aid in executing the duties of their office, and shall be entitled to the officers' fees in such service. They may arrest, without warrant and on view, in any part of the state, a person found violating a provision of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911 and amendments thereto, take such person before a magistrate having jurisdiction for trial, and detain such person in custody at the expense of the state until opportunity is given to notify a prosecuting officer, if necessary, who shall forthwith prosecute such offender. The only compensation allowed such commissioners under this section shall be the fees allowed the sheriffs for serving criminal process and three dollars (\$3) per day for attending court, all of which should be taxed as costs."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 574, An act relating to the reimbursement of cities and towns which may advance funds for the improvement of trunk line highways.

Amend section 1 by inserting in the eighth line thereof before the words "highway commissioner" the word "state," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. That any city or town desiring the immediate improvement of that portion, lying within said city or town, of any of the trunk line highways designated and known as the East Side, West Side, Merrimack Valley, South Side, Rockingham or Ossipee-Meredith, or of the cross state roads provided for by chapter 93, Laws of 1915, and heretofore designated, may improve the same at any

time at the expense of such city or town, and to the satisfaction of the state highway commissioner. In such case the state shall thereafter pay to said city or town, a sum sufficient to cover the proportion of such expense which is payable by the state, in such installments and at such times as funds may be available for that purpose, and approved by the governor and council."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to Mason fire damage.

Amend said resolution by striking out all after the resolving clause and substituting in place thereof the following:

"That the sum of one hundred and ninety-four dollars (\$194) be and hereby is appropriated for the payment in full of all damages from a fire which occurred in the town of Mason on May 11, 1916, said fire having been caused by burning brush on the state land; and the state treasurer is hereby authorized to pay one hundred and forty dollars (\$140) thereof to Tracy A. Eaton of Mason, and fifty-four dollars (\$54) thereof to Delmore P. Noble of Mason, in full for their several claims; said sum of one hundred and ninety-four dollars (\$194) to be paid from the appropriations for the forestry department for the year ending August 31, 1918."

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House refused to concur in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker named as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. French of Moultonborough, Conner of Bristol and Tuttle of Keene.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth asked unanimous consent to present a report from a committee not previously advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 596, An act to repeal section 7 of chapter 133, Laws of 1911, section 3 of chapter 81, Laws of 1913, and section 6 of chapter 129, Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles, and to enact a new section 7 of the Laws of 1911, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend said bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 133, Laws of 1911, section 3 of chapter 81 of the Laws of 1913, and section 6 of chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, are hereby repealed and a new section is hereby enacted to become section 7 of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, enacting a motor vehicle law, as follows:

"SECT. 7. Every motor vehicle, operated or driven upon the ways of this state, shall be provided with adequate brakes in good working order and sufficient to control such vehicle at all times when the said vehicle is in use, a muffler, a suitable and adequate bell, horn, or other device for signaling and suitable lamps. Every automobile operated during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, shall display at least two lighted lamps on the front and one on the rear of such vehicle, which shall also display a red light visible from the rear. The rays of such rear lamp shall shine upon the number plate carried on the rear of such vehicle in such manner as to render the numerals thereon visible for at least fifty feet in the direction from which the motor vehicle is proceeding, the light from the front lamps shall be sufficient to be visible at least two hundred feet in the direction in which the motor vehicle is proceeding, and all motor vehicles equipped with electric headlights shall also be equipped with some device to dim the glare or to scatter the rays of light from the same, which shall have been approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles, and it shall be the duty

of any person having control or charge of a motor vehicle which is equipped with electric headlights to dim or extinguish such headlights when approaching an electric street railway car or another automobile. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall examine the various devices for dimming or scattering the rays of light from electric headlights on motor vehicles and may sanction for use such of said devices as meet his approval.

"The commissioner of motor vehicles shall annually cause to be printed and distributed to owners of registered motor vehicles, a statement of the devices which have been so approved."

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1918.

The report was accepted, the amendment adopted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Fairbanks of Newport called for the special order, House Bill No. 591, An act to authorize the rehabilitation of the Boston and Maine railroad system and the union of the certain railroad companies.

The question being on the amendment proposed by the Committee on Railroads,

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the bill was ordered to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ahern moved that the House reconsider the vote whereby the bill passed.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Curtis of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this morning it be to meet tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, and when the House then adjourns it be to meet Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 3 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Ahern, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 596, An act to repeal section 7 of chapter 133, Laws of 1911, section 3 of chapter 81, Laws of 1913, and section 6 of chapter 129, Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles, and to enact a new section 7 of the Laws of 1911.

House Bill No. 599, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill No. 53, An act in amendment of section 14 of chapter 93 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 61, Laws of 1901, chapter 13, Laws of 1903, chapter 139, Laws of 1911, chapter 221, Laws of 1913, relating to attendance of children at school.

Read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 62, An act relating to the powers and duties of armed guards.

SENATE BILL READ.

Senate Bill No. 62, An act relating to the powers and duties of armed guards.

Read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended, the printing of the bill and its reference to a committee dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

TAKEN FROM THE TABLE.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, House Bill No. 603, An act relating to the salaries of certain state officials, was taken from the table.

The question being,

Shall the bill be read a third time?

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. French of Nashua, at 3.02 o'clock the House adjourned.

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The House met at 9.30 o'clock according to adjournment.
The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., April 13, 1917.

William J. Ahern, Esq.,
Concord, N. H.

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Friday morning. Will you kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Challis of Manchester, business in order at 11 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. McKay of Manchester, for the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 607, An act to provide aid for certain dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors of the state of New Hampshire when called in the federal service, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Clark of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill read a first time by its title. The bill was then read a second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Appropriations under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Snow of Whitefield, at 9.40 o'clock the House adjourned.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1917.

The House met at 7.30 o'clock according to adjournment.

The following letter was read by the clerk:

CONCORD, N. H., April 16, 1917.

*James W. Pridham, Esq.,
Newcastle, N. H.*

DEAR SIR: I shall be unable to attend the session on Monday evening. Kindly preside for me, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

ARTHUR P. MORRILL,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Beane of Concord, at 7.31 o'clock the House adjourned.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

Messrs. Fairbanks of Manchester, Spring of Laconia and Kendall of Milford were granted leave of absence for the day on account of important business.

PETITION PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Crawford of Manchester, Petition of Swedish Evangelical Mission church, protesting against the passage of the so-called Sunday baseball bill.

Presented and referred to the Committee on Revision of the Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended so as to allow the introduction of reports of committees without their being advertised, during the remainder of the session.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

Senate Bill No. 15, An act relative to obstructions in state highways.

Senate Bill No. 53, An act in amendment of section 14 of chapter 93 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 61, Laws of 1901, chapter 13, Laws of 1903, chapter 139, Laws of 1911, chapter 221, Laws of 1913, relating to attendance of children at school.

Senate Bill No. 54, An act to provide for establishing bonded warehouses.

Senate Bill No. 59, An act relative to the raising of money by towns in time of war.

Senate Bill No. 62, An act relating to the powers and duties of armed guards.

House Bill No. 72, An act in amendment of chapter 47 of the Laws of 1913, being "An act to provide for the construction of dams of a height in excess of twenty-five feet under the supervision of a state inspector."

House Bill No. 116, An act to amend chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross-state highways.

House Bill No. 137, An act in amendment of chapter 163, Laws of 1915, relating to the reforestation of waste land.

House Bill No. 144, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to the payment of forest fire bills.

House Bill No. 146, An act in amendment of chapter 95, Laws of 1911, relating to portable steam sawmills.

House Bill No. 168, An act to provide for the freeing of Eliot toll bridge and authorize Strafford county to maintain that part lying within said county.

House Bill No. 199, An act permitting sterilizing operations in certain cases of mental disease and feeble-mindedness.

House Bill No. 208, An act to regulate the storage, distribution and sale of cold-storage food.

House Bill No. 216, An act to compensate owners for domestic live-stock killed or wounded in the open season for deer by hunters in each year.

House Bill No. 265, An act to authorize the Connecticut River Power company of New Hampshire to transfer its properties, rights and franchises in this state, and to amend section 17, chapter 164, Laws of 1911, as inserted by section 17, chapter 145, Laws of 1913, relating to the business of transmitting electrical power beyond the limits of the state.

House Bill No. 316, An act providing for a co-operative survey of the boundary line between the state of New Hampshire and the state of Maine.

House Bill No. 360, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1913, relating to the Rockingham road.

House Bill No. 448, An act for the better protection of brook trout in the Ellis and Wildcat rivers, their tributaries, the east and west branches of the Saco river and the ponds in Carter Notch, all situated in the northern part of Carroll and southern part of Coös counties.

House Bill No. 496, An act to incorporate the Marlborough Water-Works company.

House Bill No. 512, An act to provide for investigation by the attorney-general of the rise in prices of the necessities of life.

House Bill No. 514, An act to more effectively restrain agreements to regulate and fix prices of commodities in this state and to restrain combinations and monopolies in commodities and provide penalties therefor.

House Bill No. 516, An act in amendment of section 6, chapter 155, Laws of 1913, relating to the clearing of lumber slash along highways, as amended by section 1, chapter 100, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 521, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," as amended by section 5,

chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 118, Laws of 1909.

House Bill No. 522, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," as amended by section 3, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1, chapter 41, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 527, An act relating to the quality of milk and providing for standardized milk.

House Bill No. 530, An act to restore the real estate of Frank Dearborn in Lee to the town of Lee for school purposes.

House Bill No. 548, An act relating to examiners of applicants for licenses to operate motor vehicles.

House Bill No. 558, An act to provide for the safety and health of employees in factories and workshops.

House Bill No. 565, An act relating to official seals for towns.

House Bill No. 570, An act to prevent stock-watering and excessive capitalization of railroads and public utilities.

House Bill No. 573, An act relative to the unused balances of money appropriated for the benefit of soldiers and sailors who served in the war with Spain, and of money to be raised for the benefit of members of the national guard who served on the Mexican border.

House Bill No. 574, An act relating to the reimbursement of cities and towns which may advance funds for the improvement of trunk line highways.

House Bill No. 575, An act to provide for meeting the obligations of the state incident to the acceptance of federal aid in the construction of roads.

House Bill No. 580, An act to legalize the town meetings of the towns of Francestown and Rumney held March 13, 1917.

House Bill No. 581, An act to amend section 7 of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions.

House Bill No. 585, An act relating to the registration of information concerning aliens.

House Bill No. 586, An act legalizing the proceedings at the annual town meetings and adjournments thereof of the towns of Strafford and Ashland held March 13, 1917.

House Bill No. 590, An act conferring further jurisdiction upon the public service commission relating to railroad rates and fares.

House Bill No. 592, An act to provide for the appointment of temporary heads of state departments in case of incapacity by reason of illness or otherwise.

House Bill No. 594, An act to amend chapter 308 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the water supply in Salem and Methuen.

House Bill No. 600, An act to amend "An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies," approved March 15, 1917.

House Bill No. 602, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1915, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1917, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities.

House Bill No. 606, An act to prohibit, during time of war or invasion, the coercion of labor, strikes and lockouts, in certain cases.

House Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution appointing a commission to act with a similar commission from the state of Maine to recommend to the legislature of 1919 a definite proposition for an interstate highway or free bridge between Portsmouth, N. H., and Kittery, Me.

House Joint Resolution No. 17, Joint resolution relating to pay for plans for hospital building at state prison.

House Joint Resolution No. 22, Joint resolution for the repair of the Sandwich Notch and Dale road in the town of Sandwich.

House Joint Resolution No. 43, Joint resolution providing for the investigation of the possibilities for the conservation and better utilization of water power.

House Joint Resolution No. 44, Joint resolution appropriating money for agricultural fairs in New Hampshire.

House Joint Resolution No. 52, Joint resolution relating to an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the fish hatchery in Colebrook.

House Joint Resolution No. 63, Joint resolution for the repair of the Cherry Mountain road in the town of Jefferson.

House Joint Resolution No. 72, Joint resolution to provide for the construction, repairs and maintenance of the highway between the First and Second Connecticut lakes in Pittsburg.

House Joint Resolution No. 88, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvement and maintenance of state highway leading from Little Diamond pond to Big Diamond pond.

House Joint Resolution No. 98, Joint resolution for the improvement of the highway known as "The Narrows" in the town of Bath.

House Joint Resolution No. 104, Joint resolution to provide for the payment of any balance that may be due on account of land taken by the state in Crawford Notch and expenses incident thereto.

The report was accepted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 608, An act in amendment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the management and control of state institutions, as amended by an act approved April 3, 1917, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 609, An act to amend an act approved April 12, 1917, entitled

"An act relating to willful and malicious injuries," with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted. The first reading of the bill having commenced, on motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the further reading of the bill dispensed with. The bill was then read a second time. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 610, An act to amend section 7 of chapter 167 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the practice of medicine, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

RESOLUTIONS.

By unanimous consent Mr. Couch of Concord offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That, considering the fact that this country is engaged in war; that this House has expended a part of its energy in passing various measures for national defense, and to provide the funds of the state therefor; that various committees of national defense and public safety are now working in the state house, we voluntarily abolish the time-honored mock session.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

By unanimous consent Mr. Badger of Portsmouth offered the following resolution:

JOINT RESOLUTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF PRODUCTIVE
LABOR.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

WHEREAS, There exists in this state and nation an extraordinary emergency due to the world war, one of the results of which is a serious shortage of labor in productive activities, especially agriculture, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this legislature that all new enterprises, public or private, including building construction, that do not demand immediate prosecution for the public good, should be postponed or adjusted, to the end that all possible labor be released for essential, productive work, especially for the needs of agriculture in all its branches.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was not adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 61, An act to repeal chapter 13 of the Laws of 1917, entitled "An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs at law and beneficiaries," approved February 16, 1917, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

Mr. Barnes of Lyme, for a special committee consisting of the delegation from Grafton county, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2 and 44 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners, reported the same with the following amendment and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the title of said bill by striking out all after the figures "1909" in the fourth line of said title, and substituting in place thereof the words, "and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners."

Amend said bill by striking out the words "eight hundred" in the thirty-fifth line of the bill and substituting in place thereof the words "eleven hundred," so that said section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, and as hereby amended, shall read as follows:

"SECT. 20. Each county commissioner, except the commissioners of Hillsborough, Cheshire, Merrimack and Grafton counties, shall be paid by the county treasurer for his services, when employed in business of the county and in inspecting the taxable property of towns, as provided in the preceding section, three dollars a day, and a reasonable sum for all necessary expenses, upon order of the superior court, his accounts having been first audited by the court. Each commissioner of Hillsborough county shall be so paid the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per year, each commissioner of Cheshire county the sum of five hundred dollars per year, each commissioner of Merrimack county the sum of one thousand dollars per year, and each commissioner of Grafton county the sum of five hundred dollars per year, payable in equal quarterly installments, and a reasonable

sum for all necessary expenses, upon order of the superior court, his accounts having first been audited by the court. The commissioners of Hillsborough county may expend not exceeding eleven hundred dollars per year for such clerical, actuarial or stenographic assistance as may be necessary at the offices of the commission in Manchester and Nashua."

The report was accepted and the amendment adopted.

Mr. Collins of Lebanon offered the following amendment:

Amend section 2 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, with the exception of Grafton county, and this act as far as Grafton county is concerned, shall take effect April 1, 1919."

The question being on the amendment,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was not adopted.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 26, Joint resolution to provide for a breakwater in the town of Hampton, reported the same with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 106, Joint resolution to provide

for probable increased expenses of the departments and institutions for the year ending August 31, 1918, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 107, Joint resolution to provide for deficiencies in certain state departments for the year ending August 31, 1917, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The third reading of the joint resolution having commenced, on motion of the same gentleman, the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with. The joint resolution was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 611, An act to provide for the assessment and collection of a state tax for the year 1918, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules

were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 495, An act in amendment of section 9, chapter 286, Public Statutes, relating to clerical expenses in the adjutant-general's office, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter having been otherwise provided for.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 103, Joint resolution appropriating money for repairing and renovating the Weare monument and common land in the town of Hampton Falls, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 50, Joint resolution for repairs and for cleaning outside walls of the state house and the monuments in the state house yard, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 108, Joint resolution appropriating money

for repairs on the state house, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The third reading of the joint resolution having commenced, on motion of the same gentleman, the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with.

The joint resolution was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 531, An act to fix and adjust the salaries of certain state officers, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate, the subject-matter having been provided for in other bills.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Morrill of Center Harbor, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 165, An act relating to the establishment of a free employment office in the bureau of labor, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 577, An act for the relief of the town of Albany, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 593, An act accepting the vocational education act of Congress of

February 23, 1917, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill ordered to a third reading.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 612, An act to prohibit the destruction of foodstuffs in time of war, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Webster of Holderness, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 607, An act to provide aid for certain dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors of the state of New Hampshire when called in the federal service, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 6 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 6. Moneys expended under this act shall be a charge upon the appropriation provided for by an act, entitled 'An act directing the governor and the governor and council to assist the government of the United States in the present crisis and authorizing them to provide for the public safety.'"

The report was accepted and the amendment adopted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on

Appropriations, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 613, An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act directing the governor and council to assist the government of the United States in the present crisis and authorizing them to provide for the public safety," approved March 27, 1917, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ryder of Manchester, for the Committee on Insurance, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 614, An act to authorize the Capital Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, bombardment, explosion, navigation and transportation hazards, and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Ryder of Manchester, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Committee of Conference upon the non-concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of certain amendments of the Senate to the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 344 (In new draft and new title), An act to license and regulate the business of making loans in sums of three hundred dollars or less, at a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, prescribing the rate of interest

and charge therefor, and penalties for the violation thereof, report the same with the recommendation that the Senate recede from its position as to all of said Senate amendments, and your committee further recommends that said bill, in the form in which it was sent to the Senate from the House of Representatives, be amended as follows:

Amend by striking out all after the word "effect" in line 3 of section 6 of said bill, and inserting in place thereof the words, "July 1, 1917," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect July 1, 1917."

MARCEL THERIAULT,
NATH'L E. MARTIN,
Senate Conferees.

BENJAMIN W. COUCH,
FRANK H. CHALLIS,
ROBERT C. MURCHIE,
House Conferees.

The report was accepted, the recommendations of the committee of conference adopted and the bill sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

Mr. Hough of Lebanon, for the Committee on Mileage, made the following report:

Resolved, That each member and officer of the Senate and House of Representatives be allowed the number of miles set opposite his name in the accompanying list, and that the clerk be instructed to make the mileage roll in accordance therewith.

MILEAGE ROLL.

Rockingham County.

Herbert N. Sawyer, Atkinson	96
Burton L. Smith, Brentwood	96
Benjamin F. Lang, Candia	128
George E. Gillingham, Chester	256

Joseph W. Sanborn, Deerfield	160
Frank B. Tilton, East Kingston	64
Albion D. Emerson, Hampstead	112
Edwin L. Batchelder, Hampton	192
William E. Walton, Hampton Falls	352
Herman E. Brown, Kensington	192
Frank W. Parker, Kingston	80
Eugene O. Greeley, Londonderry	160
James W. Pridham, Newcastle	128
Hayford Battles, Newton	192
Alfred L. Marston, North Hampton	384
John G. Towle, Northwood	320
Arthur W. McDaniel, Nottingham	192
Daniel W. Badger, Portsmouth	64
William Casey, Portsmouth	64
Joseph W. Berry, Rye	160
George W. Dimmock, Sandown	192
Lucien Wilbur Foote, Seabrook	448
Joseph G. Barnard, Stratham	112
Rufus H. Bailey, Windham	96

Strafford County.

Frank McDaniel, Barrington	192
John McFadyen, Dover	80
David C. McIntosh, Dover	80
Fred L. Morang, Dover	112
Albert D. Emerson, Madbury	256
Moses G. Chamberlain, Milton	96
Wilbur F. Cole, Rochester	96
Harry L. Meader, Rochester	112
Cornelius E. Murphy, Rollinsford	80
Archie L. Jacques, Somersworth	160
John W. Cater, Strafford	448

Belknap County.

Jason H. Cotton, Belmont	128
Leonard B. Morrill, Center Harbor	160
Orman M. Sanborn, Gilford	160

Royal L. Page, Gilmanton	320
Dudley Leavitt, Meredith	96
Guy B. Torsey, New Hampton	128
Herman Page, Tilton	96

Carroll County.

Fred E. White, Eaton	224
Edwin F. Leavitt, Effingham	320
Arthur P. Merrow, Freedom	256
Harry A. Thompson, Jackson	96
James E. French, Moultonborough	320
Harry Blanchard, Sandwich	512
Willie W. Thomas, Tuftonborough	224
Henry F. Libby, Wolfeboro	96

Merrimack County.

Fred H. Clough, Bow	192
John G. Winant, Concord	64
Robert C. Murchie, Concord	96
Burt W. Dean, Danbury	128
Abraham L. Burnham, Dunbarton	128
Everett P. Jenkins, Loudon	416
Elmer E. Adams, New London	288
Ned D. Sanborn, Salisbury	192
Arthur E. Davis, Sutton	368
James L. Colby, Webster	368
William A. Thompson, Wilmot	128

Hillsborough County.

Charles D. White, Antrim	128
Harlan C. Smith, Deering	128
Edwin D. Stevens, Frankestown	160
Lucian W. Bartlett, Goffstown	96
Edwin H. Stratton, Hollis	112
Henry C. Brown, Hudson	96
Maurice J. Connor, Manchester	80
Rene Janelle, Manchester	64
Frank G. Lizotte, Manchester	64

Jay M. Gleason, Mont Vernon	160
Edward DeLacombe, Nashua	96
Robert A. French, Nashua	96
Bartholomew J. Hargraves, Nashua	96
Joseph Larouche, Nashua	96
Matthew T. Sullivan, Nashua	96
Thomas McLaughlin, Nashua	96
Michael P. Sullivan, Nashua	64
Henry M. Burns, Nashua	64
Irene D. Ravenelle, Nashua	64
George L. Soucy, Nashua	64
Phillip F. Gordon, New Ipswich	128
Frank M. Woodbury, Pelham	288
George H. Eastman, Weare	112
Stanley H. Abbot, Wilton	128

Cheshire County.

Henry C. Metcalf, Alstead	192
Harold E. Randall, Chesterfield	192
Milton D. Mason, Dublin	96
Elmer D. Banks, Gilsum	480
Daniel M. Spaulding, Keene	64
Warren M. Davis, Marlow	704
Albert B. Conway, Richmond	192
Harris H. Rice, Rindge	64
Asa A. Whitman, Westmoreland	96

Sullivan County.

March Clark, Acworth	384
Edwin A. Thomas, Claremont	96
William E. Beaman, Cornish	96
Dana S. Gross, Croydon	224
John S. Smart, Goshen	160
Bayard T. Mousley, Langdon	160
Lucius H. Nichols, Lempster	352
Fred A. Rogers, Plainfield	320
Carl B. Philbrick, Springfield	416
George E. Gardner, Sunapee	128

Frank Reed, Unity.....	256
Wallace W. Dole, Washington.....	320

Grafton County.

Joel S. Gray, Alexandria.....	192
Walter H. Clark, Bethlehem.....	160
Fred G. Sanborn, Franconia.....	192
George Goodboo, Groton.....	176
Horace F. Hoyt, Hanover.....	160
William Birch, Jr., Lyman.....	208
Melvin B. Eastman, Orange.....	160
Orlo B. Stanley, Piermont.....	96

Cooks County.

William Gray, Columbia.....	192
Joseph O. George, Gorham.....	96
Bartholomew F. McHugh, Gorham.....	112
Richard B. Eastman, Jefferson.....	112
Ruel A. Woods, Milan.....	256
Charles Merrill, Pittsburg.....	480
Charles E. Philbrook, Shelburne.....	192
Ira N. Cole, Stark.....	192
Levi Brooks, Stewartstown.....	256
William H. Kimball, Stratford.....	160

Senate.

Joseph B. Perley, Enfield.....	160
Willis C. Hardy, Hollis.....	96
Fred O. Parnell, Manchester.....	64
John H. Bates, East Rochester.....	96
Daniel M. Boyd, Londonderry.....	96
Clarence M. Collins, Danville.....	160

House Employees.

Edison J. Minah, Franklin Falls.....	128
John Ross, Nashua.....	64
Raymond W. Carter, Moultonborough.....	320
Harry J. Robinson, Dover.....	64

Howard E. Nelson, Portsmouth.....	64
Mott L. Bartlett, Sunapee.....	96
Oscar B. Nimes, Keene.....	64
Guy S. Neal, Acworth.....	256

Senate Employees.

William H. Knox, Madbury.....	160
Bessie A. Callaghan, Manchester.....	112

The report was accepted.

BILLS FORWARDED.

House Bill No. 604, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the state of New Hampshire for the year ending August 31, 1918.

The bill was taken from the table.

Mr. French of Moultonborough offered the following amendments:

Amend section relating to bank commission. Strike out in the title the figures "\$12,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$12,050." Strike out at end of second line the figures "\$1,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$1,050."

Amend section relating to public printing commission. Strike out in the title the figures "\$3,300" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$3,100." Strike out the word "commission" in title; also strike out all of first line, viz.: "For clerk, \$200."

Amend section relating to department of indexing by striking out the figures "\$1,000" and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$1,200."

Amend section relating to attorney-general's department by striking out in the title the figures "\$13,100" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$13,700." Strike out at end of third line the figures "\$2,400," and insert in place thereof the figures "\$3,000."

Amend section relating to schools by striking out the figures "\$125,100," and inserting in place thereof the figures "\$120,000."

Amend section relating to Plymouth Normal school by striking out in the title the figures "\$26,500" and in line 3 "\$26,500" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$32,000."

Amend section relating to Keene Normal school by striking out in the title the figures "\$25,140" and also in line 3 insert in place thereof the figures "\$32,000."

Amend section relating to state board of charities. Strike out in the title the figures "\$24,600" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$28,600." Add at the end thereof the words and figures "For child welfare work, \$4,000."

Amend the section relating to the bureau of labor. Strike out in the title the figures "\$5,900" and insert in place the figures "\$13,300." In the first line of said section strike out the figures "\$1,600," and insert in place thereof "\$2,500."

Add the following for factory inspection: "For two inspectors, \$4,000; clerk, \$1,000; travel, \$1,000; printing, \$500."

Amend the section relating to state board of health. Strike out the whole thereof and insert in place thereof the following:

"For the state board of health \$15,050, as follows:

For salary of secretary	\$3,000
salary of clerk	700
incidentals	450
printing blanks	400
epidemic fund	2,500
sanitary inspection	5,000
engineer	500
antitoxin	2,500"

For laboratory of hygiene \$9,300, as follows: Amend section relating to the laboratory of hygiene.

Strike out the whole thereof and insert in place thereof the following:

"For laboratory of hygiene \$9,300, as follows:

For salaries of two chemists	\$3,400
salaries of three bacteriologists	3,200
clerk and assistant	800
incidentals	1,400
printing blanks and bulletins	500"

Amend the section relating to forest protection by striking out the whole thereof and insert in place thereof the following:

"For forest protection \$42,700, as follows:

Salary of forester	\$3,000
Field assistance	2,000
Clerical expense	2,000
Traveling expenses	1,000
Incidentals and commissioners' expenses	1,500
Printing blanks	700
Printing report	500
District chiefs' salaries and expenses	4,800
Lookout stations, establishment and maintenance of	6,700
Forestry conferences	800
Prevention of fires	2,700
Nursery stock	2,000
Care and acquisition of state land	5,000
Town forest fire expenses and equipment	7,500
Reforestation of waste lands	2,500"

Amend the section relating to trustees of state institutions. Strike out in the title the figures "\$11,050" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$11,550." Strike out in the first line the figures "\$3,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$3,500."

Amend the section relating to department of agriculture. Strike out in the title the figures "\$18,800" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$19,300." Strike out in the third line the figures "\$1,300" and insert in place thereof the figures \$1,800."

Add a new section 2 and renumber section 2, section 3.

"SECT. 2. Part of any appropriation herein made for any department, may be used for other work of said department

and any balance remaining from the appropriation for public instruction department for aid and encouragement of schools, may be applied for maintenance of the normal schools, subject to the approval of the governor and council."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

House Bill No. 605, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the state of New Hampshire for the year ending August 31, 1919.

Taken from the table.

Mr French of Moultonborough offered the following amendments:

Amend section relating to bank commission. Amend the title by striking out the figures "\$12,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$12,100." Strike out at the end of the second line the figures "\$1,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$1,100."

Amend section relating to public printing commission. Strike out in the title the word "commission" and the figures "\$3,300" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$3,100." Strike out all the first line.

Amend section relating to department of indexing. Strike out the figures "\$1,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$1,200."

Amend section relating to attorney-general's department. Strike out in the title the figures "\$13,300" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$13,900." Strike out at end of third line the figures "\$2,400" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$3,000."

Amend section relating to schools. Strike out the figures "\$125,100" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$120,000."

Amend section relating to Plymouth Normal school.

Strike out in the title the figures "\$26,500" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$32,000." Strike out in line 3 the figures "\$26,500" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$32,000."

Amend section relating to Keene Normal school. Strike out in the title the figures "\$25,140" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$32,000." Strike out in line 3 the figures "\$25,140" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$32,000."

Amend section relating to state board of charities. Strike out in the title the figures "\$25,050" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$29,050." Add at the end thereof the words and figures "For child welfare work, \$4,000."

Amend the section relating to the bureau of labor. Strike out in the title the figures "\$5,900" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$13,300." In the first line of said section strike out the figures "\$1,600" and insert in place thereof "\$2,500." At the end thereof add the following:

"For factory inspection.

For two inspectors.....	\$4,000
clerk.....	1,000
travel.....	1,000
printing.....	500"

Amend the section relating to state board of health. Strike out the whole thereof and insert in place thereof the following:

"For the state board of health \$16,050, as follows:

For salary of secretary.....	\$3,000
salary of clerk.....	700
incidentals.....	450
printing blanks.....	400
printing report.....	1,000
epidemic fund.....	2,500
sanitary inspection.....	5,000
engineer.....	500
antitoxin.....	2,500"

Amend section relating to laboratory of hygiene. Strike out the whole thereof and insert in place thereof the following:

"For the laboratory of hygiene \$9,300, as follows:

For salaries of two chemists	\$3,400
salaries of three bacteriologists	3,200
clerk and assistant	800
incidentals	1,400
printing blanks and bulletins	500"

Amend section relating to forest protection. Strike out the whole thereof and insert in place thereof the following:

"For forest protection \$42,700, as follows:

salary of forester	\$3,000
field assistance	2,000
clerical expense	2,000
traveling expenses	1,000
incidentals and commissioners' expenses . .	1,500
printing blanks	900
district chiefs' salaries and expenses	4,800
lookout stations, establishment and main- tenance of	7,000
forestry conferences	800
prevention of fires	2,700
nursery stock	2,000
care and acquisition of state lands	5,000
town forest fire expenses and equipment . .	7,500
reforesting of waste lands	2,500"

Amend the section relating to board of trustees of state institutions. Strike out in the title the figures "\$11,050" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$11,550." Strike out at the end of line 1 the figures "\$3,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$3,500."

Amend the section relating to the department of agriculture. Strike out in the title the figures "\$19,600" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$20,100." Strike out at the end of the third line the figures "\$1,300" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$1,800."

Add a new section 2 and renumber section 2, section 3.

"SECT. 2. Part of any appropriation herein made for any department may be used for other work of said department and any balance remaining from the appropriation for public instruction department for aid and encouragement of schools may be applied for maintenance of the normal schools, subject to the approval of the governor and council."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendments were adopted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 12.45 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

(After recess.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bill:

Senate Bill No. 15 (In new draft), An act relative to obstructions in state highways.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur in the amendment adopted by the House of Representatives to the following entitled bill:

Senate Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws of 1911; chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and an act approved by the legislature March 8, 1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.'"

The message further announced that the Senate had

voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on House Bill No. 536, An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day and to establish Stark-Sullivan day, and the President has appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Hardy and Daley.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 116, An act in amendment of chapter 93 of the Laws of 1915 relating to cross state highways.

House Bill No. 121, An act to provide for state aid on certain highways.

House Bill No. 317 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 360, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1913 relating to the Rockingham road.

House Bill No. 521, An act in amendment of section 8, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," as amended by section 5, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 118, Laws of 1909.

House Bill No. 522, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 95, Laws of 1903, entitled "An act to regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor," as amended by section 3, chapter 49, Laws of 1905, as amended by section 1, chapter 18, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1, chapter 41, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 559, An act to amend the charter of the Bethlehem Electric company.

House Bill No. 600, An act to amend "An act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies," approved March 15, 1917.

House Bill No. 72 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 47 of the Laws of 1913, being "An act to provide for the construction of dams of a height in excess of twenty-five feet under the supervision of a state inspector."

House Bill No. 137 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 163, Laws of 1915, relating to the reforestation of waste land.

House Bill No. 590, An act conferring further jurisdiction upon the public service commission relating to railroad rates and fares.

House Bill No. 602, An act in amendment of chapter 162, Laws of 1915, as amended by an act approved March 15, 1917, relating to trust funds held by towns and cities.

House Joint Resolution No. 1, Joint resolution appointing a commission to act with a similar commission from the state of Maine to recommend to the legislature of 1919 a definite proposition for an interstate highway or free bridge between Portsmouth, N. H., and Kittery, Maine.

House Joint Resolution No. 52 (In new draft), Joint resolution relating to an appropriation for the purpose of repairing the fish hatchery in Colebrook.

House Joint Resolution No. 98, Joint resolution for the improvement of the highway known as "The Narrows" in the town of Bath.

House Bill No. 608, An act in amendment or chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the management and control of state institutions, as amended by an act approved April 3, 1917.

House Bill No. 609, An act to amend an act approved April 12, 1917, entitled "An act relating to willful and malicious injuries."

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following concurrent resolution, with amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Amend said concurrent resolution by striking out the figures "12" wherever they appear and insert in place

thereof the figures "19," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

WHEREAS, It appears that all necessary legislative work may be easily accomplished by Thursday, April 19, *proximo*, therefore be it

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the present session of the legislature be brought to final adjournment on Thursday, April 19, *proximo*, at five o'clock in the afternoon, and be it further

Resolved, That all reports, bills and joint resolutions pending at that time in either branch of the legislature be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 94, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915; also in amendment of sections 2 and 3 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913; and repealing section 2 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, relating to hours of work for women and minors.

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 5, and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 1918, and the provisions of this act shall not apply to labor performed entirely in the manufacture of munitions or supplies for the United States government or for the government of the state of New Hampshire while the United States is at war with any other nation.

On motion of Mr. Murchie of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 572, An act to establish an additional system of cross-state highways.

Amend item 6 of section 1 by striking out the words "Shaker road" and substituting therefor the words "Hollow Route road," so that said item 6 as amended will read as follows:

"6. From Laconia to Concord via Belmont that may be known as the Hollow Route road."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House refused to concur in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker announced as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Tuttle of Keene, Dodge of Laconia and Libbey of Manchester.

House Bill No. 532 (In new draft), An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund.

Amend section 1 by adding at the end thereof the following:

"The principal of said trust fund shall not be used by the state, nor shall it be invested in the notes and bonds of the state, but shall be from time to time invested and reinvested by the governor and council and kept intact to the full amount thereof," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. That the sum of eighty thousand dollars, received under the will of John Nesmith, late of Lowell, Massachusetts, in accordance with the compromise agreement between the state of New Hampshire and Joseph A. Nesmith et al., trustees, and now in the possession of the state, shall be held by it, as a trust fund for the benefit of the indigent blind of the state. The principal of said trust fund shall not be used by the state, nor shall it be invested in the notes and bonds of the state, but shall be from time to time invested and reinvested by the governor and council and kept intact to the full amount thereof."

Amend section 2 by striking out all after the word "That" in the first line and substituting in place thereof the following: "there shall be appropriated annually from the first

of September, 1916, forty-eight hundred dollars, less the annual income derived from said trust fund to comply with the terms of the trust under the will of said John Nesmith. And said forty-eight hundred dollars shall be expended for the aid, support, maintenance and education of the indigent blind of the state of New Hampshire under the direction of the governor and council, as may be recommended from time to time by the state board of charities and correction," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. That there shall be appropriated annually from the first of September, 1916, forty-eight hundred dollars, less the annual income derived from said trust fund to comply with the terms of the trust under the will of said John Nesmith. And said forty-eight hundred dollars shall be expended for the aid, support, maintenance and education of the indigent blind of the state of New Hampshire under the direction of the governor and council, as may be recommended from time to time by the state board of charities and correction."

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House refused to concur in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker announced as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. French of Moultonborough, Rogers of Wakefield and Wright of Concord.

House Bill No. 597, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 141, Laws of 1913, relating to the courts.

Amend section 2 of said bill by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1917."

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game.

Amend section 2 by striking out the definition of "resident" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Resident. A person who is a citizen of the United States and whose domicile is in the state of New Hampshire," so that said section as amended shall read:

SECT. 2. Amend section 1 of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by striking out the definition of resident, and inserting in its place a new definition to read:

"Resident. A person who is a citizen of the United States and whose domicile is in the state of New Hampshire."

Amend section 5 by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section shall read:

SECT. 5. Amend section 14 (a) of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by striking out the entire paragraph and inserting in place thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(a) Wild deer may be captured or taken after 5 a. m. and before 6 p. m. as follows: in the county of Coös, from the fifteenth day of October to the sixteenth day of December; in the counties of Grafton and Carroll, except the town of Moultonborough, from the first day of November to the sixteenth day of December; in the counties of Sullivan, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Rockingham and Merrimack, from the fifteenth day of December to the first day of January; in the counties of Belknap and Strafford, and the town of Moultonborough in Carroll, from the fifteenth day of November to the sixteenth day of December."

Amend section 6 by striking out the word "Canterbury" in the fourteenth line, so that said section as amended shall read:

SECT. 6. Amend section 14 (c) of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in its place the following, so that said paragraph shall read:

"(c) Wild deer shall not be taken with the aid of, or by the use of a dog, jack, artificial light, trap, snare, or salt-lick; nor shall wild deer be taken by the use of any firearm other than a shotgun loaded with a single ball, or loose buck-shot within the counties of Hillsborough, Rockingham, Belknap, or Merrimack, with the following exceptions: The towns of Windsor, Hillsborough, Bennington, Deering,

Francestown, Weare, Antrim, Hancock, and Peterborough in the county of Hillsborough; the towns of Andover, Wilmot, Danbury, Hill, New London, Sutton, Bradford, Warner, Salisbury, Newbury, Webster, and Henniker in the county of Merrimack, and the towns of Sanbornton and New Hampton, in the county of Belknap."

Amend said bill by striking out the whole of sections 10 and 11.

Amend the bill by renumbering section 12 as section 10 and section 13 as section 11.

Amend the bill by striking out the whole of sections 14 and 15.

Amend the bill by adding a new section to be numbered section 12.

SECT. 12. Amend section 20 (a) of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1915 by striking out the entire paragraph and inserting in place thereof a new paragraph to read:

"SECT. 20. (a) Ruffed grouse, commonly called partridge, may be taken and possessed from October fifteenth to December fifteenth in the counties of Merrimack, Hillsborough, Cheshire and Rockingham, and in all other counties from the first day of October to the first day of December."

Amend the bill by renumbering section 16 as section 13.

Amend section 17 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof a new section to be numbered section 14.

SECT. 14. Amend section 28 (a) of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by inserting after the word "lakes" in line 9, the following: "Except that such trout may not be taken and possessed from the waters of Russell pond, in the town of Woodstock, prior to May twentieth in any year," so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

"(a) Brook or speckled trout not less than ten inches in length may be taken and possessed from April fifth to September first from Sunapee lake, Newfound lake, Crystal lake in Enfield, Tewksbury pond in Grafton, and Pleasant pond in New London; brook trout not less than seven inches

in length may be taken and possessed from May first to August first from Dublin pond in Dublin; brook trout not less than seven inches in length may be taken and possessed from April fifteenth to September first from all other ponds and lakes, except that such trout may not be taken and possessed from the waters of Russell pond in the town of Woodstock prior to May twentieth in any year; brook trout not less than five inches in length may be taken and possessed from May first to September first from the streams in Coös, Carroll, and Grafton counties; brook trout not less than five inches in length may be taken and possessed from April first to August first from all other streams of this state. *Provided, however*; there shall be no open season for brook trout between May first, 1915, and May first, 1920, in any brooks or tributaries emptying into Nash stream or Nash stream bogs, situated in the county of Coös, except the pond and flowage on Pond brook."

Amend section 28 (f) of said chapter 133 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in its place the following, so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

"(f) A person may take, between one hour before sunrise and two hours after sunset, in one day, a total of not more than ten pounds of brook trout and a total of not more than twenty pounds of salmon, aureolus and lake trout; *provided, however*, that the taking of one fish additional weighing less than the number of pounds specified in the weight catch-limit, shall not be regarded as violation of this section; and *further provided* that no person, and no party irrespective of the number of persons therein, trolling from any one boat, upon any of the fresh waters of this state, shall take or kill more than six lake trout or salmon or both, in any one calendar day, and for the purposes of this act, each member of the party and the person or persons in charge of the boat present when any violation of this section takes place, shall all be regarded as principals and each be liable for the penalty hereinafter prescribed."

Amend the bill by renumbering section 18 as section 15, section 19 as section 16, section 20 as section 17, section 21

as section 18, section 22 as section 19, and section 23 as section 20.

Amend section 24 by adding after the word "waters" in the third paragraph thereof the words "wholly or partially," so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

"Provided also, however, that a resident of any city or town in the state of New Hampshire may take and possess fresh water fish during the open season, when it shall be lawful so to do, from any waters wholly or partially situate in the town or city in which he has his domicile without procuring a license so to do."

Further amend section 24 by adding a new paragraph thereto, to read as follows:

"(d) All blind persons, residents or non-residents, shall be allowed to catch, kill, take, and transport fresh water fish within the state without a license."

Further amend section 24 by renumbering as section 21.

Amend the bill by renumbering section 25 as section 22, section 26 as section 23, section 27 as section 24, section 28 as section 25, section 29 as section 26, section 30 as section 27, and section 31 as section 28.

Amend section 32 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof a new section to be numbered section 29.

SECT. 29. Amend section 8 of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 8. A person who suffers loss or damage to annual crops or fruit trees by game birds and game quadrupeds protected by law may, within five days after such damage occurs, notify in writing the commission, who shall investigate the case and determine whether such loss or damage was caused by such birds or quadrupeds. If it so determines, it shall cause said loss or damage to be appraised by the board of selectmen of the town in which such property is located. The board of selectmen shall return to the commission a certificate under oath of the amount of such loss or damage. Said certificate shall be returned to the

state treasurer by said commission, and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant upon the fish and game fund for the amount of the appraisal, or such part thereof as the governor and council may deem just and reasonable."

Amend the bill by renumbering section 33 as section 30, section 34 as section 31, section 35 as section 32, section 36 as section 33, and section 37 as section 34.

On motion of Mr. Bell of Plymouth, the House refused to concur in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate and asked for a committee of conference.

The Speaker announced as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Bell of Plymouth, Rogers of Plainfield and Fellows of Franklin.

The message further announced that, pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee of Conference on House Bill No. 344, An act to license and regulate the business of making loans in sums of three hundred dollars or less at a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, prescribing the rate of interest and charge therefor, and penalties for the violation thereof, the Senate had voted to recede from its amendments to the bill and had voted to concur with the new amendment, in the adoption of which amendment the Senate has the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

Amend by striking out all after the word "effect" in line 3 of section 6 of said bill, and inserting in place thereof the words, "July 1, 1917," so that said section, as amended shall read as follows:

"All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect July 1, 1917."

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills with the following titles, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 63, An act for the regulation of the sale and use of explosives and firearms.

Senate Bill No. 65, An act in amendment of an act en-

titled "An act to provide for a home guard," approved April 11, 1917.

Senate Bill No. 66, An act providing for the suspension of the labor laws of the state under certain conditions.

Senate Bill No. 67, An act to amend section 10, chapter 195 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1901; section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1905, and sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, chapter 31, Laws of 1915, relating to the right of surviving husband and wife in the estate of the other.

SENATE BILLS READ AND REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the first reading of bills by their titles made in order.

Senate Bill No. 63, An act for the regulation of the sale and use of explosives and firearms.

Read a first and second time, laid upon the table to be printed and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Bill No. 65, An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to provide for a home guard," approved April 11, 1917.

Read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill and its reference to a committee dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 66, An act providing for the suspension of the labor laws of the state under certain conditions.

Read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill and its reference to a committee dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in

order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 67, An act to amend section 10, chapter 195 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1901; section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1905, and sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, chapter 31, Laws of 1915, relating to the right of surviving husband and wife in the estate of the other.

Read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with.

The bill was then referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 615, An act relative to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Merrimack, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. McKay of Manchester called for the special order, House Bill No. 414, An act in amendment of section 1, chapter 264 of the Laws of 1893, relating to the playing of ball and other games, and authorizing amateur baseball playing on Sunday.

A majority of the Committee on Revision of the Statutes reported the bill with the resolution that it is inexpedient to legislate.

A minority of the committee reported the bill in a new

draft, with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The question being,

Shall the report of the minority be substituted for the report of the majority?

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Sawyer of Woodstock moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Sawyer,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Dodge of Laconia moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the bill be indefinitely postponed?

Mr. Hoyt of Hanover called for a division.

A division being had, 175 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 87 gentlemen voted in the negative.

Mr. Dimmock of Sandown demanded the yeas and nays, but subsequently withdrew his call and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Lee of Concord, the special order, House Bill No 411, An act establishing and changing the present location of a part of a system of continuous highways as enumerated in section 1 of chapter 93, Laws of 1915, laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, April 18, was taken from the table.

The bill being in order for a third reading, Mr. Davis of Manchester moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Davis,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion did not prevail.

Mr. Davis of Manchester called for a division.

A division being had, the vote was declared manifestly in the negative.

Mr. Shannon of Laconia moved that the rules be suspended and the bill be made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the amendment offered by the House of Representatives to the following entitled bill:

Senate Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following bills sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 538, An act reviving and continuing the charter of the Warner and Kearsarge Road company and amendments to said charter.

House Bill No. 576 (In new draft), An act in amendment of chapter 139, Laws of 1915, "An act in addition to and in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 155 of the Laws of 1909, chapters 158 and 168 of the Laws of 1913, and section 1, chapter 84 of the Laws of 1915," relating to permanent improvement of main highways.

House Bill No. 598, An act to incorporate the Union Village Water-Works company.

House Bill No. 610, An act to amend section 7 of chapter 167 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the practice of medicine.

House Bill No. 607, An act to provide aid for certain

dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors of the state of New Hampshire when called in the federal service.

House Bill No. 612, An act to prohibit the destruction of foodstuffs in time of war.

House Bill No. 614, An act to authorize the Capital Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, bombardment, explosion, navigation and transportation hazards and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed a bill with the following title, in the passage of which it asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 64, An act relating to the taxation of money deposited in banks without this state.

SENATE BILL READ.

Senate Bill No. 64, An act relating to the taxation of money deposited in banks without this state.

Read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Hoyt of Hanover, the rules were suspended, the printing of the bill and its reference to a committee dispensed with.

Mr. Hoyt moved that the rules be further suspended and the bill be made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Hoyt,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the affirmative appeared to prevail.

Mr. Hill of Plaistow called for a division.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the bill, with the motion and the call for a division pending, was laid upon the table and made a special order for Wednesday, April 18, at 10.01 o'clock.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord,—

Resolved, That when the House adjourns this afternoon it be to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Haskell of Lebanon, at 4.10 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

THIRD READINGS.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the third reading of bills by their titles made in order.

House Bill No. 593, An act accepting the vocational education act of Congress of February 23, 1917.

House Bill No. 577, An act for the relief of the town of Albany.

House Bill No. 165, An act relating to the establishment of a free employment office in the bureau of labor.

Severally read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Sutton, at 4.15 o'clock the House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 1917.

The House met at 10 o'clock according to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by Mr. Horace F. Hoyt of Hanover.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, business in order at 11 o'clock was made in order at the present time.

On motion of Mr. Ahern, the rules were suspended and committee reports not previously advertised were received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on En-grossed Bills, to whom was referred House Bill No. 509, An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases and in amendment of section 6 of chapter 96 of the Laws of 1901, as amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905, reported the same under Joint Rule 6 with

the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows:

"An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases, and in amendment of section 6, chapter 96, Laws of 1901, as inserted by section 3, chapter 118, Laws of 1903, and amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905, and chapter 126, Laws of 1915."

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 6, chapter 96, Laws of 1901, as inserted by section 3, chapter 118, Laws of 1903, and amended by section 1, chapter 90, Laws of 1905, and section 1, chapter 126, Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 6. Any school district may make contracts with any academies or high schools or other literary institutions located in the state for furnishing instruction to its scholars; and such school district may raise and appropriate money to carry into effect any contracts in relation thereto. Every such academy or high school or literary institution shall then be deemed a high school maintained by such district, if approved by the superintendent of public instruction in accordance with section 4 of this act. *Provided, however,* that whenever it shall appear that attendance of any pupil at the school with which such contract shall have been made will work manifest hardship and when it shall further appear that attendance at some other approved high school or academy will not work hardship the pupil through his parent or guardian or some other responsible citizen may apply to the school board for an order transferring the pupil to such more accessible approved high school or academy. The school board shall thereupon within ten days order a hearing upon the case and if it shall appear to them that the claim is well founded shall issue such order, and the district in which the child

with parent or guardian resides shall then be liable to the academy or high school to which such child is assigned for tuition of such child as provided by chapter 96, Laws of 1901, and amendments thereto; and *provided, further*, that the person making application to the school board as provided in this act or the governing board of the high school or academy with which such contract shall have been made may appeal from the decision of the school board to the superintendent of public instruction for review and final decision and either party shall have the same right of appeal in case the school board shall neglect or refuse to reach a decision within ten days from the date of filing application."

SECT. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect upon its passage.

The report was accepted and the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills adopted.

The bill was then sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Shaw of Canaan, for the Committee on Revision of the Statutes, to whom was referred House Bill No. 545, An act for the preservation of the forests, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 52, An act to repeal sections 19, 20 and 21 of chapter 56 of the Public Statutes relating to the taxation of timber, logs and lumber upon bodies of water outside the boundaries of any town within the state, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 67, An act to amend

section 10, chapter 195 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 113, Laws of 1901; section 1, chapter 14, Laws of 1905, and sections 1, 2, 3 and 4, chapter 31, Laws of 1915, relating to the right of surviving husband and wife in the estate of the other, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the title by striking out the entire title and inserting in place thereof a new title to read as follows:

"An act in amendment of sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of chapter 195 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 113, Laws of 1901, chapter 14, Laws of 1905, and chapter 31, Laws of 1915, relating to the rights of the husband or wife, surviving, in the estate of the deceased husband or wife."

The report was accepted and the amendment adopted.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendment.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred Senate Bill No. 63, An act for the regulation of the sale and use of explosives and firearms, reported the same with the following amendments, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend section 4 by striking out the words "or use" in the first line and inserting in place thereof the words "use or have in his possession," and by striking out the words "a permit shall be issued signed by such officer or officers, giving to such applicant the right to obtain and have in his possession such explosives" and inserting in place thereof the words "such permit, signed by such officer or officers, shall be issued to such applicant," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 4. No person shall procure, transport, use or have in his possession any gunpowder, dynamite, nitroglycerine or other form of high explosive without first

obtaining a written permit to do so, from the chief of police of the city or selectmen of the town in which he resides, or from the county commissioners of the county in which he resides, if he resides within the state but outside the limits of any organized city or town, or from the chief of police of the city, or selectmen of the town or county commissioners of the county in which such explosive is to be procured, transported or used if he is not a resident of the state. Any person desiring such permit shall make written application therefor, stating the purpose for which the explosive material or compound is to be used and the kind and quantity desired, together with his full name, occupation and place of residence including the street and number, if any. If the officer or officers to whom the application is made are satisfied that the applicant intends to use the explosive in a lawful manner, and as set forth in his application, such permit, signed by such officer or officers, shall be issued to such applicant. No person shall have in his possession any such explosive material or compound unless he shall have such license or permit."

Amend section 5 by striking out the words "in jail not exceeding one year" in the last line and inserting in place thereof the words "not exceeding two years," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 5. If any person, firm or corporation shall manufacture or sell or deliver to any other person any firearms or any such explosive material or compound without first obtaining such license, or having such license shall fail to make and file such record of any such sale or delivery, or if any person, firm or corporation shall violate any other provision of this or any of the preceding sections of this act, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both."

Amend section 7 by striking out the words and figures "one thousand dollars (\$1,000)" and inserting in place thereof the words "two hundred dollars" and by striking out the word "ten" in the last line and inserting in place

thereof the word "two," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 7. Any person not a citizen of the United States or one who has legally declared his intention of becoming such a citizen, who shall procure or have in his possession any firearm or firearms of any kind without having first obtained a permit as provided in section 6, or after such permit has been revoked, as hereinafter provided, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both."

The report was accepted.

The reading of the amendments having commenced, on motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the further reading of the amendments was dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the amendments.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 616, An act in amendment of chapter 13 of the Public Statutes relating to the New Hampshire Soldiers' Home, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Leach of Concord, for the Committee on Judiciary, reported the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 617, An act relating to the transfer of questions of law from the public service commission to the supreme court, with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Moulton of Lisbon, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 25, Joint resolution in aid of the town of Haverhill in building a bridge across the Connecticut river, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the word "ten" in line 22 of the printed resolution and inserting in place thereof the word "eight," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"WHEREAS, The towns of Haverhill in this state and Newbury in the state of Vermont are engaged in erecting a bridge across the Connecticut river at Woodsville, New Hampshire, for free public travel, and

"WHEREAS, Said towns have two other free bridges across said river to maintain within their limits, and

"WHEREAS, Said new bridge will cost over fifty thousand dollars, and, in addition, any sums which may be recovered by the Wells River Bridge company, the Boston & Maine railroad, and the Concord & Montreal railroad as damages by reason of injury to their toll bridge at said Woodsville, and

"WHEREAS, Said new bridge will accommodate a large amount of through travel and is on the usual route between New York city and the White Mountains, and

"WHEREAS, Said town of Haverhill is compelled to bear about three fifths of the cost of said bridge and is heavily burdened by the maintenance of said present bridges and the construction of said new bridge, even with such aid

as it may receive from the county of Grafton, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the sum of eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for state aid in the construction of said new bridge at Woodsville, and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant to the town of Haverhill for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

The report was accepted and the amendment adopted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time. The third reading having commenced, on motion of the same gentleman, the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with.

The joint resolution was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Ahern of Concord, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 31, Joint resolution in aid of the free public libraries, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"That the sum of two thousand dollars for the year ending August 31, 1918, and the sum of two thousand dollars for the year ending August 31, 1919, be and hereby are appropriated for 'Libraries—general fund' under the provisions of section 49 of chapter 8 of the Public Statutes, as amended by House Bill No. 26."

The report was accepted and the amendment adopted. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution

No. 91, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of Dartmouth college, reported the same with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the joint resolution as amended ought to pass:

Amend said resolution by striking out the word "twenty" in line 4 of the printed resolution and inserting in place thereof the word "fifteen," so that said resolution as amended shall read as follows:

"That in recognition of the eminent service rendered by Dartmouth college in the cause of higher education and for the general advancement of learning, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars shall be appropriated and paid out of the state treasury to the trustees of Dartmouth college, on the warrant of the governor, on the first day of September each year for a period of two years next after the passage of this resolution, for use by said college in its educational work. This appropriation shall include ten scholarships each year for two years for the full prepaid annual tuition, at the disposal of the state, to be awarded to worthy students residents of New Hampshire. For the second year these scholarships may be awarded to the same or to different students. The students granted these scholarships shall be appointed by the governor and council on recommendation of the president of Dartmouth college and the superintendent of public instruction, and these students shall be chosen from the different counties of the state so far as this distribution is found practicable."

The report was accepted and the amendment adopted. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Thomas of Farmington, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 54, Joint resolution to provide for the purchase of the armory at Franklin, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Tuttle of Keene, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 314, An act in amendment of chapter 51, Laws of 1915, relating to state highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Mallalieu of Milford, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 172, An act in amendment of chapter 51, Laws of 1915, relating to state highways, reported the same with the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to legislate.

The report was accepted and the resolution of the committee adopted.

Mr. Moulton of Lisbon, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 138, An act for the control of the white pine blister and other pests, reported the same with the recommendation that the bill ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Woodbury of Pelham, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 109, Joint resolution in favor of Harry C. Jones and others, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first and second time. On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. On motion of the

and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Rogers of Plainfield, for the Committee on Agriculture, offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Public attention is being called to urgent need of active effort upon the part of all to increase, conserve, and properly distribute the supply of food stuffs; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire raises but one-fourth of the food products she consumes, and New England an even less proportion, the balance coming chiefly by rail from other sections of the country; and

WHEREAS, The railroad systems entering New England, notwithstanding that they have lately proved inadequate, will have to assume the enormous added burden of transporting military and naval equipment and supplies; and

WHEREAS, Present conditions are unfavorable to crop production—agricultural labor supply already greatly depleted, fertilizer scarce—potash impossible to obtain and seed supply scanty at unheard-of prices, and

WHEREAS, It is of paramount importance that our country continue to send increased shipments of foodstuffs to nations allied to us in the present struggle; and

WHEREAS, An increased crop raised here will not only render the food supply of New England more secure but will release for export corresponding amounts, and will materially relieve the burden of the transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, In answer to the call of President Wilson all loyal citizens of whatever station are rallying round the flag—and will deny themselves—make the utmost sacrifices if need be and even risk life itself in its defense—

Resolved, That we express our firm belief that the New Hampshire farmers when they realize the solemn and weighty responsibility resting upon them under these

difficult conditions will rise to the occasion and do their duty on this the first line of defense; and

Resolved, That we, the members of the General Court as we return to our homes lose no time and use every effort to impress upon our constituents this duty and opportunity of patriotic service.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Ahern of Concord moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being on the resolution,

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

SPECIAL ORDER.

Mr. Couch of Concord called for the special order, Senate Bill No. 64, An act relating to the taxation of money deposited in banks without this state.

The question being,

Shall the rules be suspended and the bill be read a third time by its title?

With a division pending,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Hubbard of Boscawen moved the previous question.

The question being,

Shall the main question now be put?

On a *viva voce* vote the previous question was ordered.

The question being,

Shall the rules be suspended and the bill read a third time by its title?

A division being had, 252 gentlemen voted in the affirmative and 11 gentlemen voted in the negative and the motion prevailed.

The bill was then read a third time and passed and sent to the Secretary of State to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ahern, at 11.26 o'clock the House took a recess for 3 hours and 4 minutes.

(After recess.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 65, An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act to provide for a home guard," approved April 11, 1917.

House Bill No. 576, An act in amendment of chapter 139, Laws of 1915, "An act in addition to and in amendment of chapter 35 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 155 of the Laws of 1909, chapters 158 and 168 of the Laws of 1913, and section 1, chapter 84 of the Laws of 1913," relating to permanent improvement of main highways.

House Bill No. 598, An act to incorporate the Union Village Water-Works company.

House Bill No. 607, An act to provide aid for certain dependent relatives of soldiers and sailors of the state of New Hampshire when called in the federal service.

House Bill No. 610, An act to amend section 7 of chapter 167 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the practice of medicine.

House Bill No. 612, An act to prohibit the destruction of foodstuffs in time of war.

House Bill No. 614, An act to authorize the Capital Fire Insurance company to insure against marine disaster, bombardment, explosion, navigation and transportation hazards and damage or liability resulting to owners of motor vehicles from theft, collision or other casualty.

The report was accepted.

The Committee of Conference upon the non-concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of certain amendments of the Senate to the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 536 (In new draft and new title), An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day and to estab-

lish Stark-Sullivan day, report the same with the recommendation that the Senate recede from its position as to all of said Senate amendments, and your committee further recommends that said bill be amended as follows:

Amend the title by striking out the whole thereof and substituting the following: "An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day, and to establish Patriot's day."

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. Legal holidays shall be the first day of January; the twenty-second day of February, Washington's Birthday; the fourth Thursday of April, Patriot's day; the thirtieth day of May, Memorial day; the fourth day of July, Independence day; the first Monday of September, Labor day; the twelfth day of October, Columbus day; the day on which the biennial elections are held; Thanksgiving day, whenever appointed; and Christmas day; and whenever any holiday occurs on Sunday the following day shall be observed as a holiday."

Amend section 2 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 2. Section 24 of chapter 39 and section 24 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes, chapter 11, Laws of 1899, chapter 96, Laws of 1909, chapter 22, Laws of 1913, and all other acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and this act shall take effect May 1, 1917."

WILLIS C. HARDY,
DANIEL J. DALEY,
Senate Conferees.

SAMUEL KENT BELL,
FRANK COLLINS,
JOHN G. WINANT,
House Conferees.

On motion of Mr. Collins of Lebanon, the report was accepted and the recommendation of the committee of conference adopted.

The Committee of Conference on House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game, reported the same with the recommendation that the Senate recede from its position on the proposed amendments and recommended the adoption of the following amendments.

CHARLES W. FLETCHER,
MICHAEL F. SHEA,
Senate Conferees.

ERNEST L. BELL,
FRED A. ROGERS,
GILBERT G. FELLOWS,
House Conferees.

House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game.

Amend section 2 by striking out the definition of "resident" and inserting in place thereof the following:

"Resident. A person who is a citizen of the United States and whose domicile is in the state of New Hampshire," so that said section as amended shall read:

SECT. 2. Amend section 1 of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by striking out the definition of resident, and inserting in its place a new definition to read:

"Resident. A person who is a citizen of the United States and whose domicile is in the state of New Hampshire."

Amend section 6 by striking out the word "Canterbury" in the fourteenth line, so that said section as amended shall read:

SECT. 6. Amend section 14 (c) of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in its place the following, so that said paragraph shall read:

"(c) Wild deer shall not be taken with the aid of, or by the use of a dog, jack, artificial light, trap, snare, or salt-lick; nor shall wild deer be taken by the use of any firearms other than a shotgun loaded with a single ball, or loose buck-shot within the counties of Hillsborough, Rockingham, Belknap, or Merrimack, with the following exceptions: The towns of Windsor, Hillsborough, Bennington, Deering,

Francestown, Weare, Antrim, Hancock, and Peterborough in the county of Hillsborough; the towns of Andover, Wilmot, Danbury, Hill, New London, Sutton, Bradford, Warner, Salisbury, Newbury, Webster, and Henniker in the county of Merrimack and the towns of Sanbornton and New Hampton in the county of Belknap."

Amend said bill by striking out the whole of sections 10 and 11.

Amend the bill by renumbering section 12 as section 10 and section 13 as section 11.

Amend the bill by striking out the whole of sections 14 and 15.

Amend section 5 by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following, so that said section shall read:

SECT. 5. Amend section 14 (a) of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by striking out the entire paragraph and inserting in place thereof a new paragraph to read as follows:

"(a) Wild deer may be captured or taken after 5 a. m. and before 6 p. m. as follows: in the county of Coös, from the fifteenth day of October to the sixteenth day of December; in the counties of Grafton and Carroll, except the town of Moultonborough, from the first day of November to the sixteenth day of December; in the counties of Sullivan, Cheshire, and Rockingham, from the first day of December, to the sixteenth day of December; in the county of Hillsborough from the fifteenth day of December to the first day of January; in the counties of Belknap and the town of Moultonborough in Carroll, Merrimack and Strafford from the fifteenth day of November to the sixteenth day of December."

Amend the bill by renumbering section 16 as section 13.

Amend section 17 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof a new section to be numbered section 14:

SECT. 14. Amend section 28 (a) of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by inserting after the word "lakes" in line 9, the following: "Except that such trout may not be taken and

possessed from the waters of Russell pond, in the town of Woodstock, prior to May twentieth in any year," so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

"(a) Brook or speckled trout not less than ten inches in length may be taken and possessed from April fifth to September first from Sunapee lake, Newfound lake, Crystal lake in Enfield, Tewksbury pond in Grafton, and Pleasant pond in New London; brook trout not less than seven inches in length may be taken and possessed from May first to August first from Dublin pond in Dublin; brook trout not less than seven inches in length may be taken and possessed from April fifteenth to September first from all other ponds and lakes, except that such trout may not be taken and possessed from the waters of Russell pond in the town of Woodstock prior to May twentieth in any year; brook trout not less than five inches in length may be taken and possessed from May first to September first from the streams in Coös, Carroll, and Grafton counties; brook trout not less than five inches in length may be taken and possessed from April first to August first from all other streams of this state. *Provided, however,* there shall be no open season for brook trout between May first, 1915, and May first, 1920, in any brooks or tributaries emptying into Nash stream or Nash stream bogs, situated in the county of Coös, except the pond and flowage on Pond brook."

Amend section 28 (f) of said chapter 133 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in its place the following, so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

"(f) A person may take, between one hour before sunrise and two hours after sunset, in one day, a total of not more than ten pounds of brook trout and a total of not more than twenty pounds of salmon, aureolus and lake trout; *provided, however,* that the taking of one fish additional weighing less than the number of pounds specified in the weight catch-limit, shall not be regarded as violation of this section; and *further provided* that no person, and no party irrespective of the number of persons therein, trolling from any one boat, upon any of the fresh waters of this

state shall take or kill more than six lake trout or salmon or both, in any one calendar day, and for the purposes of this act, each member of the party and the person or persons in charge of the boat present when any violation of this section takes place, shall all be regarded as principals and each be liable for the penalty hereinafter prescribed."

Amend the bill by renumbering section 18 as section 15, section 19 as section 16, section 20 as section 17, section 21 as section 18, section 22 as section 19, and section 23 as section 20.

Amend section 24 by adding after the word "waters" in the third paragraph thereof the words "wholly or partially," so that said paragraph shall read as follows:

"Provided, also, however, that a residents of any city or town in the state of New Hampshire may take and possess fresh water fish during the open season, when it shall be lawful so to do, from any waters wholly or partially situate in the town or city in which he has his domicile without procuring a license so to do."

Further amend section 24 by adding a new paragraph thereto, to read as follows:

"(d) All blind persons, residents or non-residents, shall be allowed to catch, kill, take, and transport fresh water fish within the state without a license."

Further amend section 24 by renumbering as section 21.

Amend the bill by renumbering section 25 as section 22, section 26 as section 23, section 27 as section 24, section 28 as section 25, section 29 as section 26, section 30 as section 27, and section 31 as section 28.

Amend section 32 by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof a new section to be numbered section 29.

SECT. 29. Amend section 8 of chapter 133, Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 8. A person who suffers loss or damage to annual crops or fruit trees by game birds and game quadrupeds protected by law may, within five days after such damage

occurs, notify in writing the commission, who shall investigate the case and determine whether such loss or damage was caused by such birds or quadrupeds. If it so determines, it shall cause said loss or damage to be appraised by the board of selectmen of the town in which such property is located. The board of selectmen shall return to the commission a certificate under oath of the amount of such loss or damage. Said certificate shall be returned to the state treasurer by said commission, and the governor is authorized to draw his warrant upon the fish and game fund for the amount of the appraisal. *Provided, however,* that if either party is dissatisfied with said appraisal he may appeal to the governor and council, who may modify or correct the same as justice may require."

Amend the bill by renumbering section 33 as section 30, section 34 as section 31, section 35 as section 32, section 36 as section 33, and section 37 as section 34.

Renumber section 13 as now amended, section 12 and renumber each succeeding section in numerical sequence.

The reading of the amendments having commenced, Mr. Ahern of Concord moved that the further reading be dispensed with.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Ahern,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

The report of the Committee of Conference was then accepted and the amendments adopted.

Mr. Goodwin of Wolfeboro, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 111, Joint resolution in favor of Walter J. A. Ward, William H. Knox and others, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first time. The second reading having commenced, on motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the further reading of the joint resolution was dispensed with. On mo-

tion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with.

Mr. French of Moultonborough offered the following amendment:

"That William M. Haggett be allowed the sum of \$715."

On a *viva voce* vote the amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the rules were suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time.

The third reading of the joint resolution having commenced, on motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the further reading was dispensed with.

The joint resolution was then passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The Committee on Conference upon the non-concurrence of the House of Representatives in the passage of a certain amendment of the Senate to the following entitled bill, House Bill No. 572, An act to establish an additional system of cross-state highways, reported the same with the recommendation that the House recede from its position on said amendment; and the committee further recommended that said Senate amendment be adopted as follows:

Amend item 6 of section 1 by striking out the words "Shaker road" and substituting therefor the words "Hollow Route road," so that said item 6 as amended will read as follows:

"6. From Laconia to Concord via Belmont that may be known as the Hollow Route road."

W. J. TUTTLE,
JOHN T. DODGE,
E. G. LIBBEY,

House Conferees.

F. S. ROBERTS,
NATH'L E. MARTIN,
Senate Conferees.

Mr. Ahern of Concord moved that the report be accepted and that the House adopt the amendment proposed by the Committee of Conference.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Ahern,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Ahern withdrew his motion and moved that the House refuse to accept the amendment proposed by the Committee of Conference and ask for another Committee of Conference.

On a *viva voce* vote the motion prevailed.

The Speaker appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Fairbanks of Newport, Moulton of Lisbon and Snow of Whitefield.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 591, An act to authorize the rehabilitation of the Boston and Maine railroad system and the union of the certain railroad companies.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 596, An act to repeal section 7 of chapter 133, Laws of 1911, section 3 of chapter 81 of the Laws of 1913 and section 6 of chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles, and to enact a new section 7 of the Laws of 1911.

House Bill No. 599, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909 enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915 relating to motor vehicles.

House Bill No. 595, An act to amend chapter 25 of the Public Statutes relating to the election of county officers.

House Joint Resolution No. 55, Joint resolution providing for the erection of a screen and repair of the dam at the outlet of Station or Kolelemoque lake in Springfield.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on the following entitled bills:

House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund, the President appointing Senators Roberts and Martin as members of such committee on the part of the Senate.

House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game, the President appointing Senators Fletcher and Shea as members of such committee on the part of the Senate.

House Bill No. 572, An act to establish a system of cross-state highways, the President appointing Senators Roberts and Martin as members of such committee on the part of the Senate.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bills, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 121, An act to provide for state aid on certain highways.

Amend section 1 by adding at the end the words "all references in this act to said chapter 35, Laws of 1905, or to particular sections of said chapter shall be deemed to include all amendments thereto," so that said section shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. In counties where by an order of the superior court the commissioners are charged with the duty of maintaining a section of main highway, the provisions of chapter 35, Laws of 1905 (as amended), are hereby made to apply, the county commissioners being given the powers and duties of selectmen under said law. All references in

this act to said chapter 35, Laws of 1905, or to particular sections of said chapter shall be deemed to include all amendments thereto."

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House adopted the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 559, An act to amend the charter of the Bethlehem Electric company.

Amend the act by adding a new section to read as follows:

SECT. 2. Amend the title of the said act approved March 15, 1917, by striking out the words "of section 4," so that said title shall read as follows:

"An act in amendment of chapter 206 of the Laws of 1897, being 'An act to incorporate the Bethlehem Electric Light company.'"

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House adopted the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

Senate Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws of 1911; chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and an act approved by the legislature March 8, 1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.'"

Amend the bill by striking out the first twenty-five lines of section 1 ending with the words "as follows" and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws of 1911, chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and by an act approved by the legislature

March 8, 1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases,'" by inserting after the words "shall not apply" and before the words "to sales to apothecaries" the words "to sales of liquid preparations sold in good faith as medicines containing not more than two grains of opium, or not more than one-fourth grain of morphine, or not more than one-eighth grain of heroin, or not more than one grain of codeine, in one fluid ounce, or if a solid preparation, in one avoirdupois ounce, nor." Further amend said section by inserting after the words "kept on file" and before the words "as authority" the words "for two years," so that said section as amended shall read as follows.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House adopted the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The Speaker declared the House to be in recess.

(After recess.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill, with amendment, in the passage of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 311, An act to protect the public against the sale of worthless securities.

Amend said bill by striking out all of section 13 and substituting the following:

"SECT. 13. There is hereby appropriated from the

revenue collected under this act five hundred dollars (\$500) additional salary for the insurance commissioner, upon whom devolves the duty of enforcing this act; and the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) for the salary of a clerk; and out of the revenue collected under this act his actual expenses. All fees collected under this act shall be paid by said commissioner to the state treasurer."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, at 5.02 o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

On motion of Mr. McHugh of Gorham, at 5.03 o'clock the House adjourned.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 1917.

The House met at 11 o'clock.

Prayer was offered by the chaplain.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The committee of conference, to whom was referred House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund, recommend that the House recede from its position of non-concurrence as to the amendment to section 1 and adopt the amendment proposed by the Honorable Senate. They further recommend that the Senate recede from its position as to that portion of amendment to section 2 relating to the amount annually appropriated and concur in the amount suggested by the House, so that said section 2 shall read:

"SECT. 2. That there shall be appropriated annually from the first of September, 1916, thirty-seven hundred dollars, less the annual income derived from said trust fund to comply with the terms of the trust under the will of said John Nesmith. And said thirty-seven hundred dollars shall be expended for the aid, support, maintenance and education of the indigent blind of the state of New Hampshire under the direction of the governor and council, as may be recommended from time to time by the state board of charities and correction."

They further recommend that the House adopt the above section 2 as now amended.

JAMES E. FRENCH,
WM. N. ROGERS,
H. H. WRIGHT,

House Conferees.

FRED S. ROBERTS,
NATH'L E. MARTIN.

Senate Conferees.

The report was accepted and the recommendations proposed by the committee of conference adopted.

BILLS RECALLED.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 390, An act in amendment of section 3, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 2, chapter 81, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles, was recalled from the secretary of state.

On motion of the same gentleman, the vote whereby the bill was passed by the House was reconsidered.

On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, House Bill No. 549, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a

motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915, relating to motor vehicles, was recalled from the secretary of state.

On motion of the same gentleman, the vote whereby the bill was passed by the House was reconsidered.

On motion of the same gentleman, the bill was indefinitely postponed.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. French of Moultonborough asked unanimous consent to present the report of a committee not previously advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House Bill No. 588, An act to provide state pay for soldiers in the service of the United States, reported the same in a new draft, with the recommendation that the bill in its new draft ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the bill read a first and second time.

On motion of Mr. French, the rules were suspended and the printing of the bill dispensed with.

On motion of the same gentlemen, the rules were further suspended and the bill made in order for a third reading by its title and passage at the present time.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. French,—

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That Rule 11 of the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives be so far suspended as to allow the transmission of House Bill No. 588, An act to provide state pay for soldiers in the service of the United States.

The bill was then sent to the Senate for concurrence.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined

and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

Senate Bill No. 60, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 162, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 7, Laws of 1911, chapter 160, Laws of 1915, and an act approved by the legislature March 8, 1917, entitled "An act in amendment of the Laws of 1909, chapter 162, section 2, entitled 'An act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cocaine and articles containing cocaine, as amended by the Laws of 1911, chapter 7, and by the Laws of 1915, chapter 160, and providing for the inspection of prescriptions in certain cases.'"

Senate Bill No. 61, An act to repeal chapter 13 of the Laws of 1917, entitled "An act in relation to dividing goods and chattels among heirs at law and beneficiaries," approved February 16, 1917.

Senate Bill No. 64, An act relating to the taxation of money deposited in banks without this state.

Senate Bill No. 66, An act providing for the suspension of the labor laws of the state under certain conditions.

House Bill No. 121, An act to provide for state aid on certain highways.

House Bill No. 141, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to forest fire wardens.

House Bill No. 266, An act to provide for the expenditure of funds received by the state from the national forest.

House Bill No. 393, An act to create a bureau of markets.

House Bill No. 559, An act to amend the charter of the Bethlehem Electric company.

House Bill No. 608, An act in amendment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the management and control of state institutions, as amended by an act approved April 3, 1917,

House Bill No. 615, An act relative to the salary of the treasurer of Merrimack county.

House Bill No. 617, An act relating to the transfer of questions of law from the public service commission to the supreme court.

House Joint Resolution No. 2, Joint resolution to provide for the erection and equipment of a drill shed in the city of Dover.

House Joint Resolution No. 26, Joint resolution to provide for a breakwater in the town of Hampton.

House Joint Resolution No. 30, Joint resolution providing for an appropriation for a highway leading through Plaistow, from Atkinson town line to Massachusetts state line.

House Joint Resolution No. 46, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements and extensions at the New Hampshire state hospital.

House Bill No. 538, An act reviving and continuing the charter of the Warner and Kearsarge Road company and amendments to said charter.

House Bill No. 591, An act to authorize the rehabilitation of the Boston & Maine railroad system and the union of the certain railroad companies.

The report was accepted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Joint Resolution No. 26, Joint resolution to provide for a breakwater in the town of Hampton.

House Joint Resolution No. 30, Joint resolution providing for an appropriation for a highway leading through Plaistow, from Atkinson town line to Massachusetts state line.

House Joint Resolution No. 46, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements and extensions at the New Hampshire state hospital.

House Joint Resolution No. 105, Joint resolution for disbursement of previous appropriation for fire protection.

House Bill No. 27, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1899, relating to firemen's relief fund.

House Bill No. 141, An act in amendment of chapter 128, Laws of 1909, as amended by chapter 166, Laws of 1911, relating to forest fire wardens.

House Bill No. 266, An act to provide for the expenditure of funds received by the state from the national forest.

House Bill No. 371 (In new draft), An act providing for the payment of a part of the damage done by the deposit of anthrax germs in the Johns river.

House Bill No. 393 (In new draft), An act to create a bureau of markets.

House Bill No. 611, An act to provide for the assessment and collection of a state tax for the year 1918.

House Bill No. 613, An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act directing the governor and council to assist the government of the United States in the present crisis and authorizing them to provide for the public safety," approved March 27, 1917.

House Joint Resolution No. 2 (In new draft), Joint resolution for constructing and equipping a drill shed in Dover.

House Joint Resolution No. 25, Joint resolution in aid of the town of Haverhill in building a bridge across the Connecticut river.

House Bill No. 411, An act establishing and changing the present location of a part of a system of continuous highways as enumerated in section 1 of chapter 93, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 606, An act to prohibit, during time of war or invasion, the coercion of labor, strikes and lockouts, in certain cases.

House Bill No. 615, An act relative to the salary of the treasurer of the county of Merrimack.

House Bill No. 617, An act relating to the transfer of questions of law from the public service commission to the supreme court.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage

of the following entitled bill sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 536, An act to designate legal holidays, to abolish Fast day and to establish Stark-Sullivan day.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a new committee of conference on House Bill No. 572, An act to establish an additional system of cross state highways, and the President had appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Daley and Fletcher.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to accede to the request of the House of Representatives for a committee of conference on House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to Mason fire damage, and the President had appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Roberts and Martin.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in its amendments to the following bills:

Senate Bill No. 63, An act for the regulation of the sale and use of explosives and firearms.

Senate Bill No. 67, An act in amendment of sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of chapter 195 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 113, Laws of 1901, chapter 14, Laws of 1905, and chapter 31, Laws of 1915, relating to the rights of the husband or wife, surviving, in the estate of the deceased husband or wife.

House Bill No. 509 (In Senate new draft), An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases, and in amendment of section 6, chapter 96, Laws of 1901, as inserted by section 3, chapter 118, Laws of 1903, and amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905, and chapter 126, Laws of 1915.

The message further announced that, pursuant to the report of the committee of conference on House Bill No. 508, An act relating to fish and game, the Senate had

voted to recede from its amendments and had adopted the amendments offered by the committee of conference.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That Rule 11 of the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives be so far suspended as to allow the transmission of House Bill No. 588, An act to provide state pay for soldiers in the service of the United States.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Duffy of Franklin offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, By the statements submitted to this House by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations giving the expenditures for maintaining the several state departments and institutions for the past eight years, it has been disclosed that the cost of maintaining these departments and institutions has more than doubled during this time and that the taxes assessed upon the people of the state have increased approximately 40 per cent, and

WHEREAS, It is the tendency to involve the state into new ways of expending monies; be it

Resolved, by this House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested to appoint a committee of five members of this legislature, consisting of four on the part of the House and one on the part of the Senate, to sit during the recess until the convening of the 1919 legislature, for the purpose of making a study of the possible ways and means of introducing economies in all our state departments and institutions with the object that the work of these departments and institutions may not be impaired; and for the further purpose of studying what additional ways of raising increased revenues may be suggested as necessities require that the burdens of taxation may not be unnecessarily increased or disproportionately levied; be it further

Resolved, That this committee be requested to submit its findings and any suggestions relative thereto that they may think best to the 1919 legislature, and that no salaries be allowed any of the members of this committee and that only such expenses for the prosecution of the work be allowed as shall be approved by the governor and his council, and that such expenses shall be provided for out of any available monies in the state treasury.

The question being on the resolution,

(Discussion ensued.)

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brennan of Peterborough,—

Resolved, That the legislature of New Hampshire hereby expresses its hearty approval of the message of the President of the United States to Congress on April 2d and trusts that the high ideals therein expressed may soon be established for the welfare and peace of the entire world; and we urge upon Congress the speedy enactment of the military and naval measures submitted by the President, especially his appeal for the raising of an army upon the basis of universal liability to service, in order that there may be a vigorous and effective prosecution of the war against the German government.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. French of Moultonborough asked unanimous consent to present the report of a committee not previously advertised.

Unanimous consent was granted.

Mr. French of Moultonborough, for the Committee on Appropriations, reported the following joint resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 112, Joint resolution appropriating money to make effective the laws against bribery, with the recommendation that the joint resolution ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the joint resolution read a first time. The second reading of the joint resolution having commenced, on motion of Mr. Shannon of Laconia, the further reading was dispensed with.

Mr. Eastman of Jefferson moved that the joint resolution be indefinitely postponed.

The question being on the motion of Mr. Eastman,

(Discussion ensued.)

Mr. Eastman withdrew his motion.

On motion of Mr. Shannon of Laconia, the rules were suspended and the printing of the joint resolution dispensed with. On motion of the same gentleman, the rules were further suspended and the joint resolution made in order for a third reading and passage at the present time. The third reading of the joint resolution having commenced, on motion of the same gentleman, the further reading was dispensed with.

The joint resolution was then passed.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough,—

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That Rule 11 of the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives be so far suspended as to allow the transmission of House Joint Resolution No. 112, Joint resolution appropriating money to make effective the laws against bribery.

The joint resolution was then sent to the Senate for concurrence.

The committee of conference on House Bill No. 572, An act to establish an additional system of cross state highways, recommend that the Senate recede from its amendment to paragraph 6 of section 1 of said bill and that the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend paragraph 6 of section 1 by striking it out and inserting in place thereof the following:

“6. From Laconia to Concord via Belmont, either by

the so-called Shaker road, or by the so-called Hollow Route road as the highway commissioner, by and with the consent of the governor and council, shall determine."

GEO. A. FAIRBANKS,
H. B. MOULTON,
ELBRIDGE W. SNOW,
House Conferees.

DANIEL J. DALEY,
CHARLES W. FLETCHER,
Senate Conferees.

The report was accepted and the recommendation of the committee of conference adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 279, An act permitting banks and trust companies to be appointed as administrators, executors or trustees.

Amend the title by striking out the words "administrators, executors, or," so that the title as amended shall read as follows:

"An act permitting banks and trust companies to be appointed as trustees."

Amend section 1 by striking out the words "administrator, executor or" in the second line, so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECTION 1. Any trust company or national bank, being duly authorized, may be appointed trustee, but any such trust company or national bank which has its principal place of business outside the state shall first comply

with chapter 187 of the Laws of 1913 relative to the registration of foreign corporations."

Further amend by striking out all after the second section and adding the following sections:

"SECT. 3. Such trust company or national bank when appointed trustee shall give a surety company bond in such sum as the judge of probate may order.

"SECT. 4. Any national bank desiring to be appointed trustee shall first file with the attorney-general, in such form as he may direct, its consent to an examination of its trust department by the bank commissioners of this state, and acknowledge itself amenable to the jurisdiction of the probate courts of this state.

"SECT. 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect upon its passage."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 25, An act establishing a standard of weights and measures.

Amend section 6 of said bill by striking out the words "but such sealers shall hold office for a term of five years," so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 6. There shall be a city sealer of weights and measures in cities of not less than 10,000 population, according to the latest official state or United States census, to be appointed by the mayor, by and with the consent and advice of the city council. He shall perform in said city the duties and have like powers as the county sealer in the county. In those cities in which no sealer is required by the above, the county sealer of the county shall perform in said cities the duties and have like powers as in the counties.

"Provided, however, that nothing in the above shall be construed to prevent any county and the city situated therein from combining the whole or any part of their districts,

as may be agreed upon, with one sealer, subject to the written approval of the commissioner of weights and measures. A sealer appointed in pursuance of any agreement for such combination shall, subject to the terms of his appointment, have the same authority, jurisdiction, and duties as if he had been appointed by each of the authorities who are parties to the agreement. The terms of office of city and county sealers who are in office at the time of the passage of this act, shall not be terminated by the passage of this act, and shall have the power and perform the duties conferred upon sealers by this act."

On motion of Mr. Cummings of Littleton, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, at 12.04 o'clock the House took a recess for 1 hour and 26 minutes.

(After recess.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolutions, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 464, An act to set off a certain lot of land in the town school district of Haverhill and annex the same to the town school district of Piermont.

House Joint Resolution No. 13, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the state prison.

House Joint Resolution No. 33, Joint resolution for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, particularly in the advanced stages.

House Joint Resolution No. 83 (In new draft), Joint resolution appropriating money for the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts.

House Joint Resolution No. 91, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of Dartmouth college.

House Joint Resolution No. 106, Joint resolution to provide for probable increased expenses of the departments and institutions for the year ending August 31, 1918.

House Joint Resolution No. 107, Joint resolution to provide for deficiencies in certain state departments for the year ending August 31, 1917.

House Joint Resolution No. 108, Joint resolution appropriating money for repairs on the state house.

House Joint Resolution No. 109, Joint resolution in favor of Harry C. Jones and others.

House Joint Resolution No. 110, Joint resolution in favor of the state hospital.

House Joint Resolution No. 111, Joint resolution in favor of Walter J. A. Ward, William H. Knox and others.

House Bill No. 138, An act for the control of the white pine blister and other fungous or insect pests.

House Bill No. 165, An act relating to the establishment of a free employment office in the bureau of labor.

House Bill No. 384, An act in favor of Plymouth normal school.

House Bill No. 510, An act to regulate the grading, packing, shipping and sale of apples.

House Bill No. 577, An act for the relief of the town of Albany.

House Bill No. 593, An act accepting the vocational education act of Congress of February 23, 1917.

House Bill No. 616, An act in amendment of chapter 13 of the Public Statutes, relating to the New Hampshire soldiers' home, as amended by chapter 18 of the Laws of 1899.

House Bill No. 568, An act to authorize the governor and council to acquire real estate for military purposes.

House Bill No. 583, An act in amendment of chapter 327 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to the city of Manchester, establishing a board of registrars for said city."

House Bill No. 589, An act relative to the raising of money by towns to provide and maintain armories and military organizations.

The message further announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill and joint resolution, sent up from the House Representatives:

House Joint Resolution No. 31, Joint resolution in aid of the free public libraries.

House Bill No. 601, An act in amendment of chapter 177 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the improvement and encouragement of the breeding of poultry.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bills, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Senate Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 127 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22, Laws of 1907, chapter 83, Laws of 1909, and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners.

Amend section 1 of the bill by striking out the first twelve lines thereof ending with the words "as follows" and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. That section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the word "and" in the second line thereof and substituting in place thereof a comma, and by inserting after the word "Merrimack" in said second line the words "and Grafton," and by striking out the word "and" in the eleventh line thereof, and by inserting between the words "year" and "payable" in the twelfth line thereof the words "and each commissioner of Grafton county the sum of five hundred dollars per year," and by striking out the words "one thousand" in the six-

teenth line thereof and inserting in place thereof the words "eleven hundred," so that said section as amended shall read as follows.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 609, An act to amend an act approved April 12, 1917, entitled "An act relating to willful and malicious injuries."

Amend section 1 of the bill by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act relating to willful and malicious injuries," approved April 12, 1917, by adding after the word "purposes" near the end thereof the words "or attempt any of the foregoing," so that said section shall read:

"SECTION 1. If any person shall willfully, wantonly or maliciously injure, destroy or damage any public or other building or other property belonging to, or leased or used by the state, or any county, city, town or public utility within the state; or any building used for manufacturing purposes or for storage of grain or food products; or any munitions of war or other goods or property useful for military purposes while in process of manufacture, in transit or in storage; or any gas or oil tank; or any dam at the outlet of any lake or pond or upon any river or stream within the state; or any bridge upon any public highway, or toll bridge; or any buildings, rails, culverts, bridges, tracks, platforms or other parts or appendages of any railroad, or street or electric railway, or any engines or cars used thereon; or any posts, wires or other materials or fixtures of any railroad or public telegraph or telephone line, electric light or power line or any other public utility; or any fire engine or hydrant, or the apparatus thereto belonging; or any spring or reservoir or other property of any water company or of any city or town or municipal cor-

poration used by it to supply water to its inhabitants or for extinguishing fires, or any aqueduct leading therefrom; or shall willfully, wantonly or maliciously place any obstruction on any public or toll bridge or public road with intention to injure persons passing thereon; or change, move, open, displace or tamper with any switch belonging to any railroad; or poison, defile or corrupt any well, spring, brook, lake, pond, river or reservoir, the water from which is used for domestic purposes, or attempt any of the foregoing, he shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 317, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905, chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915.

Amend the bill by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION 1. Section 1, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 1, chapter 81, Laws of 1913, and by chapter 129, Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out, in the fifth paragraph of said section, the words, "'Dealer' shall include every person who actually is engaged in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles, on commission or otherwise," and inserting in place thereof the words: "'Dealer' shall include every person who is engaged principally in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles, on commission or otherwise," so that said section as amended shall read:

"SECTION 1. Terms used in this act shall be construed as follows, unless a different meaning is clearly apparent

from the language or context, or unless such construction is inconsistent with the manifest intention of the legislature:

“‘Commissioner’ shall mean the commissioner of motor vehicles for the state of New Hampshire.

“‘Automobile’ shall include all motor vehicles except motor cycles.

“‘Chauffeur’ shall mean any person who operates a motor vehicle other than his own, and who directly or indirectly receives compensation therefor.

“‘Dealer’ shall include every person who is engaged principally in the business of buying, selling or exchanging motor vehicles, on commission or otherwise.

“‘Garage’ shall mean every place where five or more motor vehicles are stored or housed at any one time, except only such places in which motor vehicles are kept by the owners thereof without payment for storage.

“‘Intersecting way’ shall mean any way which joins another at an angle, whether or not it crosses the other.

“‘Motor cycle’ shall apply only to motor vehicles having but two wheels in contact with the ground and with pedals and a saddle on which the driver sits astride, but a motor cycle may carry a one-wheel attachment for the conveyance of a passenger.

“‘Motor vehicles’ shall include automobiles, motor cycles, and all other vehicles used upon highways, propelled by power other than muscular power, except railroad and railway cars and motor vehicles running only upon rails or tracks.

“‘Non-resident’ shall apply to residents of states, districts, or countries who have no regular place of abode or business in this state for a period of more than three months continuously in the calendar year.

“‘Number plate’ shall mean the sign or marker furnished by the commissioner, on which is displayed the register number or mark of a motor vehicle assigned to such motor vehicle by the commissioner.

“‘Operator’ shall mean any person who operates a motor vehicle other than a chauffeur.

"'Person' wherever used in connection with the registration of a motor vehicle, shall include all corporations, associations, partnerships, companies, firms or other aggregations of individuals who own or control such vehicles, in any capacity, or for any purpose.

"'Police officer' or 'officer' shall include any constable or other officer authorized to make arrest or serve process.

"'Register number' shall apply to the number or mark assigned by the commissioner to a motor vehicle.

"'Thickly settled or business part of a city or town' shall mean the territory of a city or town contiguous to any way which is built up with structures devoted to business or the territory of a city or town contiguous to any way where the dwelling-houses are situated at such distances as will average less than one hundred feet between such dwelling-houses for a distance of a quarter of a mile or over.

"'Way' shall mean any public highway, street, avenue, road, alley, park, parkway or any private way laid out under authority of statute."

SECT. 2. Section 2, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 2, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 2. Application for the registration of motor vehicles may be made by the owner thereof, by mail or otherwise, to the commissioner, upon blanks prepared under his authority. The application shall contain in addition to such other particulars as may be required by the commissioner, a statement of the name, place of residence, and street address of the applicant, with a brief description of the motor vehicle, including the name of the maker, the number, if any, affixed by the maker, the character of the motor power, and the amount of such motor power stated in figures of horse-power. The proper registration fee, as provided in section 26, shall be deposited before said application is granted. The commissioner or his duly authorized agent shall then register in a book, or upon suitable index cards to be kept for the purpose, the

motor vehicle described in the application, giving to said vehicle a distinguishing number or other mark to be known as the register number for said vehicle, and shall thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration. Said certificate shall contain the name, place of residence and address of the applicant, and the register number or mark, and shall be in such form and contain such further information as the commissioner shall determine. An applicant for the registration of a motor vehicle who does not file his application therefor until after the thirtieth day of September in any year shall be entitled to a reduction in the fee for such registration as provided in section 26. Upon the transfer of ownership of any motor vehicle, its registration shall expire, and the person in whose name such vehicle is registered shall return forthwith the certificate of registration to the commissioner with a written notice containing the date of such transfer of ownership and the name, place of residence, and address of the new owner, or in case of total loss by fire, theft or accident, a written statement under oath setting forth all the circumstances attending such total loss by fire, theft or accident. A person who transfers the ownership of a registered motor vehicle owned by him to another, or which is totally lost by fire, theft or accident, upon the filing of a new application, and upon the payment of the fee as provided in section 26, may have registered in his name another motor vehicle for the remainder of the calendar year, *provided* the horse-power of said motor vehicle is the same or less than that of the motor vehicle first registered by him; but, if the horse-power of the motor vehicle is greater than that of the motor vehicle first registered by him, the applicant shall pay, in addition to the said fee, the difference between the fee paid by him for the said vehicle first registered and the fee for the registration of a motor vehicle of the higher horse-power, as provided in section 26. The commissioner, at his discretion, may assign to the motor vehicle of any person who surrenders his registration certificate, as herein provided, and who desires to register another motor vehicle, the register num-

ber of the motor vehicle described in the surrendered certificate, or in the statement as hereinbefore provided for in the case of loss by fire, theft or accident. Said commissioner shall furnish at his office, without charge, to every person whose automobile is registered as aforesaid, two number plates of suitable design, each number plate to have displayed upon it the register number assigned to such vehicle, the letters N. H., and figures showing the year of the issue. The commissioner shall furnish in like manner to every person whose motor cycle is registered as aforesaid a plate, the form and size of which shall be determined by the commissioner, together with the year of the issue thereof and with the register number of the motor cycle stamped or otherwise suitably inscribed thereon. The horse-power of every motor vehicle sought to be registered shall be determined by the commissioner, and such determination shall be final. In determining such horse-power the commissioner may employ the rating established by the Association of Licensed Automobile Manufacturers, so far as the same may be applicable, or any other test or formula by which such horse-power may be mathematically ascertained; and if no such test or formula can be had, the commissioner may use the highest rated power as given by the manufacturer, or otherwise cause the horse-power to be tested. The registration of every motor vehicle shall expire at midnight upon the thirty-first day of December of each year, unless otherwise provided."

SECT. 3. Amend section 3, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 2, chapter 81, Laws of 1913, and section 3, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 3. (a) A motor vehicle owned by a non-resident of this state, who has complied with the laws of his state, district or country, relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, may be operated upon the ways of this state, for a period not exceeding twenty days in any one calendar year, without registration, except as otherwise

provided in section 9. In estimating the number of days of use by a non-resident under the foregoing privilege, any fractional part of a day's use within this state shall be held to be a day. Every such vehicle so operated shall have displayed upon it the distinguishing number or mark of the state, district or country in which the owner thereof resides, and none other, until the vehicle is registered in accordance with the provisions of this act. A motor vehicle so owned may be operated also in this state during the months of July, August and September in any year if application for the registration thereof is made in accordance with the provisions of section 2 and the proper fee provided for in section 26 is paid, and the said vehicle is duly registered by the commissioner or his authorized agent. The commissioner shall furnish at his office, without charge, to every person whose automobile is registered as aforesaid, two number plates of suitable design, and triangular in shape, each number plate to have displayed upon it the register number assigned to such vehicle, the letters N. H., and figures showing the year of the issue. The commissioner shall furnish in like manner to every person, whose motor cycle is registered as aforesaid, a plate, the form and size of which shall be determined by the commissioner, which shall have the year of the issue thereof and the register number of the motor cycle stamped or otherwise suitably inscribed thereon. Every such registration shall expire at midnight upon the thirtieth day of September in each year.

"(b) A motor vehicle owned by a non-resident of this state who has complied with the laws of his state relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles, who has a *bona fide* actual residence in a state granting like privileges to residents of this state, which residence is located within fifteen miles by highway of the border line of this state, may be operated upon any ways of this state distant not more than fifteen miles from the border line of his state, if application for the registration thereof is made in accordance with the provisions of section 2 and the proper fee

provided for in section 26 is paid and the said motor vehicle is duly registered by the commissioner or his authorized agent. The commissioner shall furnish at his office, without charge, to every person whose automobile is registered as aforesaid, a metal tag of suitable design, and oval in shape, to have displayed upon it the register number assigned to such motor vehicle, the letters N. H., and figures showing the year of the issue, but no such tag shall be furnished by the commissioner for motor cycles. Such tag shall at all times be conspicuously displayed on the front of such motor vehicle. Every application filed under the provisions of (a) and (b) of this section shall be sworn to by the applicant before a justice of the peace or a notary public."

SECT. 4. Amend section 4, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 4, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole thereof and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 4. Every manufacturer or dealer in motor vehicles may make application upon a blank provided by the commissioner, for a general distinguishing number or mark, instead of registering each motor vehicle owned or controlled by him, and with such application shall be deposited the registration fee as herein provided, and the commissioner may grant such application if satisfied of the facts stated therein, and issue to the applicant a certificate of registration, containing the name, business address of the applicant, and the distinguishing number or mark assigned to him, and made in such form and containing such further information as the commissioner may determine; and all motor vehicles owned or controlled by such manufacturer or dealer shall be regarded as registered under such general distinguishing number or mark until sold. The commissioner shall furnish, at his office, without charge, to every manufacturer or dealer in motor vehicles whose vehicles are registered under the provisions of this section, six pairs of number plates of suitable design, the plates to have displayed upon them the register number which is

assigned to the motor vehicles of such manufacturer or dealer, with a different letter or letters or mark on each pair of number plates. The commissioner shall furnish at the price stated in section 26, to every person whose vehicles are registered as aforesaid, as many plates for motor cycles as such person shall apply for. Said plates, the form and size of which shall be determined by the commissioner, shall have stamped or suitably inscribed thereon the year of the issue thereof, and the register number or mark of the manufacturer or dealer and each plate so furnished shall also bear a different letter or letters. A manufacturer of or dealer in motor vehicles whose vehicles are registered under the provisions of this section may loan for a period of ten days to a person purchasing a motor vehicle from such manufacturer or dealer a pair of number plates. Such manufacturer or dealer shall thereupon execute in triplicate upon blanks to be furnished by the commissioner of motor vehicles for that purpose a certificate setting forth the name of the purchaser, the make and number of the car, the date of the purchase, and the date when the period of ten days expires. He shall immediately file one copy of such certificate with the commissioner of motor vehicles, shall furnish a copy to the purchaser which shall be kept on his person or in the vehicle in some easily accessible place, and shall retain one copy himself."

SECT. 5. Amend section 6, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 5, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, by striking out the word "seal" wherever it appears in said section and inserting in place thereof the word "plate," so that said section shall read as follows:

"SECT. 6. Every motor cycle operated in or on any way shall have displayed conspicuously the plate bearing the register number furnished in accordance with the provisions of sections 2, 3(a) and 4 of this act for such vehicle. Said plate shall be fastened securely to some part of the vehicle or to some contrivance firmly attached thereto, in the rear of the saddle."

SECT. 6. Amend section 7, chapter 133, Laws of 1911,

as amended by section 3, chapter 81, Laws of 1913, and section 6, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, by striking out the entire section and inserting a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 7. Every motor vehicle, operated or driven upon the ways of this state, shall be provided with adequate brakes in good working order and sufficient to control such vehicle at all times when the said vehicle is in use, a muffler, a suitable and adequate bell, horn or other device for signaling, and suitable lamps. Every automobile operated during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise, shall display at least two lighted lamps on the front and one on the rear of such vehicle, which shall also display a red light visible from the rear. The rays of such rear lamp shall shine upon the number plate carried on the rear of such vehicle in such manner as to render the numerals thereon visible for at least fifty feet in the direction from which the motor vehicle is proceeding. The light from the front lamps shall be sufficient to be visible at least two hundred feet in the direction in which the motor vehicle is proceeding, and all motor vehicles equipped with electric headlights shall also be equipped with some device, to dim the glare or to scatter the rays of light from the same, which shall have been approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles, and it shall be the duty of any person having control or charge of a motor vehicle which is equipped with electric headlights to dim or extinguish such headlights when approaching an electric street railway car or another automobile. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall examine the various devices for dimming or scattering the rays of light from electric headlights on motor vehicles, and may sanction for use such of said devices as meet his approval. The commissioner of motor vehicles shall annually cause to be printed and distributed to owners of registered motor vehicles, a statement of the devices which have been so approved."

SECT. 7. Amend section 26, chapter 133, Laws of 1911, as amended by section 6, chapter 81, Laws of 1913, chapter

171, Laws of 1913, and section 8, chapter 129, Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 26. The commissioner or his authorized agents shall collect fees as follows:

"For the registration of every motor cycle, \$2. For the substitution of the registration of a motor cycle for that of a motor cycle previously registered in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act, \$1.

"For the registration of every automobile not exceeding fifteen horse-power, \$10.

"For the registration of every automobile exceeding fifteen horse-power and not exceeding thirty horse-power, \$15.

"For the registration of every automobile exceeding thirty horse-power and not exceeding forty horse-power, \$20.

"For the registration of every automobile exceeding forty horse-power and not exceeding fifty horse-power, \$25.

"For the registration of every automobile exceeding fifty horse-power and not exceeding sixty horse-power, \$30.

"For the registration of every automobile exceeding sixty horse-power, \$40.

"For the substitution of the registration of an automobile for that of an automobile previously registered in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act, \$2.

"For the registration of a tractor or log hauler, \$10.

"For the registration of every motor vehicle owned by a non-resident who applies for registration under the provisions of section 3 (a) of this act, and for the registration of every automobile during the period beginning with the first day of October and ending on the thirty-first day of December, in any year, in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of this act, one half of the foregoing fees.

"For the registration of every motor vehicle owned by a non-resident who applies for registration under the provisions of section 3 (b) of this act, \$2.

"For the registration of motor vehicles owned by or

under the control of a manufacturer of or dealer in motor vehicles, \$50.

"For the registration of all the motor cycles owned by or under the control of a manufacturer of or dealer in motor cycles who does not manufacture or deal in automobiles, including three plates to be furnished with the certificate of registration, \$5.

"For every additional plate furnished to replace such plates as have been lost or mutilated, or which are illegible, and for every plate furnished to a manufacturer of or dealer in automobiles for use on motor cycles owned by or under the control of such persons, fifty cents.

"For every additional number plate furnished to replace such as have been lost or mutilated or which are illegible, \$1, and for every additional pair of number plates furnished to a manufacturer of or dealer in motor vehicles whose business requires more than six pairs of such plates, \$5.

"For each operator's original license and examination, \$3; for each chauffeur's original license, examination and badge, \$5; for all subsequent operators' and chauffeurs' licenses, \$1.

"For every additional copy of a certificate of registration or license, fifty cents.

"For the operation of all cars bearing the neutral zone registration the operator's or chauffeur's license issued by the state of residence shall be deemed sufficient. The fee for a neutral zone registration shall be \$2.

"For the operation of all motor vehicles registered for the months of July, August and September as non-resident motor vehicles, special non-resident certificates shall be issued, good only during the period of three months as above stated, and no buttons shall be issued to chauffeurs. For original special non-resident certificate and examination the fee shall be \$2, and for all subsequent certificates and all certificates issued to drivers who have previously been licensed in the state of their residence, if license is required in such state, \$1. *Provided, however,* that said commissioner or his authorized agents may furnish without charge

copies of certificates of registration and licenses to operate and copies of other documents relating thereto to officers of the state, or of any court thereof, or of a city or town therein, and said commissioner may issue certificates of registration for motor vehicles and licenses to operate the same to any member of the foreign diplomatic corps without payment of the fees therefor. Motor vehicles owned and operated by the state, or by any county, city or town, shall be exempt from registration fees, but shall be registered as any other motor vehicles are registered. Nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent a dealer, as herein defined, using his cars registered under his dealer's registration for renting or pleasure purposes."

SECT. 8. Further amend said chapter 133, Laws of 1911, and all amendments thereto, by striking out the words "secretary of state" wherever the same appear in said chapter, or amendments, and inserting in place thereof the words "commissioner of motor vehicles," and by striking out the word "secretary" wherever the same appears in said chapter, or amendments, and inserting in place thereof the word "commissioner."

SECT. 9. Section 8 of this act, that part of section 3 which relates to the number of days, in any one calendar year, that a motor vehicle, owned by a non-resident, may be operated within the state without registration in this state, and that part of section 2 which relates to a new registration, for the remainder of the calendar year, upon the transfer of ownership or the loss by fire, theft or accident of a registered motor vehicle, shall take effect upon its passage. Except as above provided in this section, all parts and provisions of this act shall take effect on January 1, 1918, and the sections amended shall remain in force as heretofore until that date.

On motion of Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, the House concurred in the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message further announced that the Senate concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills, with amendments, in the passage of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 603, An act relating to the salaries of certain state officials.

Amend the bill by striking out all after section 6 and substituting in place thereof the following new sections:

SECT. 7. Amend section 11, chapter 286 of the Public Statutes, as amended by section 1, chapter 78, Laws of 1913, by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 11. The salary of the warden of the state prison shall be twenty-five hundred dollars, which shall be in full for his services."

SECT. 8. Amend section 1, chapter 175 of the Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The salary of the deputy secretary of state shall be eighteen hundred dollars per annum."

SECT. 9. Amend section 1, chapter 81 of the Laws of 1909, by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The salary of the deputy state treasurer shall be eighteen hundred dollars per annum."

SECT. 10. Section 3 of this act shall take effect May 1, 1917, and all other sections September 1, 1917.

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 604, An act making appropriations for expenses of the state of New Hampshire for the year ending August 31, 1918.

Amend section relating to secretary of state department. Strike out in the title the figures "\$21,600" and insert in

place thereof the figures "\$21,900." Strike out at end of the second line the figures "\$1,500" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$1,800."

Amend section relating to treasury department. Strike out in the title the figures "\$10,100" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$10,400." Strike out at end of the second line the figures "\$1,500" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$1,800."

Amend section relating to the state prison. Strike out in the title the figures "\$51,300" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$51,800." Strike out at end of the first line the figures "\$2,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$2,500."

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, the House concurred in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 605, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the state of New Hampshire for the year ending August 31, 1919.

Amend section relating to secretary of state department. Strike out in the title the figures "\$26,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$29,300." Strike out at end of the second line the figures "\$1,500" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$1,800."

Amend section relating to treasury department. Strike out in the title the figures "\$10,800" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$11,100." Strike out at end of the second line the figures "\$1,500" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$1,800."

Amend section relating to the state prison. Strike out in the title the figures "\$51,410" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$51,910." Strike out at end of the first line the figures "\$2,000" and insert in place thereof the figures "\$2,500."

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred

in the amendments sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to reconsider the vote whereby it concurred with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following joint resolution, and had voted to concur in the passage of the same with an amendment, in the adoption of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

House Joint Resolution No. 25, Joint resolution in aid of the town of Haverhill in building a bridge across the Connecticut river.

Amend the resolution by striking out all after the resolving clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“That the sum of eight thousand dollars be and is hereby appropriated for state aid in the construction of the new highway bridge at Woodsville, and the governor is hereby authorized to draw his warrant to the town of Haverhill for the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.”

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House concurred in the amendment sent down from the Honorable Senate.

The joint resolution was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolution:

House Bill No. 27, An act in amendment of section 2, chapter 64, Laws of 1899, relating to fireman's relief fund.

House Bill No. 94, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913, as amended by section 1 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915; also in amendment of

sections 2 and 3 of chapter 156 of the Laws of 1913; and repealing section 2 of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915, relating to hours of work for women and minors.

House Bill No. 311, An act to protect the public against the sale of worthless securities.

House Bill No. 344, An act to license and regulate the business of making loans in sums of three hundred dollars or less, at a greater rate of interest than six per cent per annum, prescribing the rate of interest and charge therefor, and penalties for the violation thereof.

House Bill No. 371, An act providing for the payment of a part of the damage done by the deposit of anthrax germs in the Johns river.

House Bill No. 509, An act in relation to free tuition in high schools and academies in certain cases, and in amendment of section 6, chapter 96, Laws of 1901, as inserted by section 3, chapter 118, Laws of 1903, and amended by chapter 90, Laws of 1905, and chapter 126, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 611, An act to provide for the assessment and collection of a state tax for the year 1918.

House Bill No. 613, An act in amendment of an act entitled "An act directing the governor and the governor and council to assist the government of the United States in the present crisis and authorizing them to provide for the public safety," approved March 27, 1917.

House Joint Resolution No. 105, Joint resolution for disbursement of previous appropriation for fire protection.

The report was accepted.

(Mr. Wood of Portsmouth in the chair.)

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough, at 2.10 o'clock the House took a recess for 30 minutes.

(After recess.)

(The Speaker in the chair.)

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the

House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bills and joint resolution, sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 588 (In new draft), An act to provide state pay for soldiers in the service of the United States.

House Joint Resolution No. 112, Joint resolution appropriating money to make effective the laws against bribery.

House Bill No. 538, An act reviving and continuing the charter of the Warner and Kearsarge Road company and amendments to said charter.

House Bill No. 608, An act in amendment of chapter 176 of the Laws of 1915, relating to the management and control of state institutions, as amended by an act approved April 3, 1917.

The message further announced that, pursuant to the recommendation of the committee of conference on the following entitled bills, the Senate had voted to recede from its amendments to the bills and had adopted the new amendments offered by the committee:

House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund.

House Bill No. 572, An act to establish an additional system of cross state highways.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the following concurrent resolutions:

WHEREAS, By the statements submitted to this House by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, giving the expenditures for maintaining the several state departments and institutions for the past eight years, it has been disclosed that the cost of maintaining these departments and institutions has more than doubled during this time and that the taxes assessed upon the people of the state have increased approximately 40 per cent; and

WHEREAS, It is the tendency to involve the state into new ways of expending monies; be it

Resolved, by this House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That His Excellency, the Governor, be requested

to appoint a committee of five members of this legislature, consisting of four on the part of the House and one on the part of the Senate, to sit during the recess until the convening of the 1919 legislature, for the purpose of making a study of the possible ways and means of introducing economies in all our state departments and institutions with the object that the work of these departments and institutions may not be impaired, and for the further purpose of studying what additional ways of raising increased revenues may be suggested as necessities require that the burdens of taxation may not be unnecessarily increased or disproportionately levied; be it further

Resolved, That this committee be requested to submit its findings and any suggestions relative thereto that they may think best to the 1919 legislature and that no salaries be allowed any of the members of this committee and that only such expenses for the prosecution of the work be allowed as shall be approved by the governor and his council and that such expenses shall be provided for out of any available monies in the state treasury.

Resolved, That the legislature of New Hampshire hereby expresses its hearty approval of the message of the President of the United States to Congress on April 2d and trusts that the high ideals therein expressed may soon be established for the welfare and peace of the entire world; and we urge upon Congress the speedy enactment of the military and naval measures submitted by the President, especially his appeal for the raising of an army upon the basis of universal liability to service, in order that there may be a vigorous and effective prosecution of the war against the German government.

On motion of Mr. Ahern of Concord, the House took a recess for 1 hour and 50 minutes.

(After recess.)

On motion of Mr. French of Moultonborough,—

Resolved, That the House present to the pages of the House the uniforms they have worn during the session with

such good results to the House and such addition to their appearance and good looks.

The House then went into recess.

(After recess.)

COMMITTEE REPORT.

The committee on conference, to whom was referred House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to Mason fire damage, recommend that the Senate recede from its position in the adoption of an amendment to said joint resolution and recommend the passage of the joint resolution as sent up from the House of Representatives.

JAMES E. FRENCH,
J. S. CONNER,
WM. S. TUTTLE,
House Conferees.

FRED S. ROBERTS,
NATH'L E MARTIN,
Senate Conferees.

The report was accepted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that, pursuant to the recommendation of the committee of conference on House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to the Mason fire damage, the Senate had voted to recede from its amendment to said joint resolution and had voted to concur with the House in the passage of the same.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to the following entitled bills, in the adoption of which amendments the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 583, An act in amendment of chapter 327 of the Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to the city

of Manchester, establishing a board of registrars for said city."

Amend section 1 of the bill by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8, chapter 327, Laws of 1915, is hereby amended by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

"SECT. 8. The registrars shall hold such day and evening session as the city by an ordinance may prescribe and such other sessions as they deem necessary. They shall hold a continuous session from 12 o'clock noon until 10 o'clock in the evening on the thirtieth day preceding the state and city election."

On motion of Mr. Roukey of Manchester, the House concurred with the Honorable Senate in its adoption of the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

House Bill No. 616, An act in amendment of chapter 13 of the Public Statutes, relating to the New Hampshire soldiers' home, as amended by chapter 18 of the Laws of 1899.

Amend section 1 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Amend chapter 13 of the Public Statutes, relating to the New Hampshire soldiers' home, as amended by chapter 18 of the Laws of 1899, by striking out section 1 thereof, and substituting in its place the following:

"SECTION 1. There is established in this state a home, known as the New Hampshire soldiers' home, for the support and care of men who served in the army or navy of the United States, in the Mexican war, the war of the Rebellion, the Spanish war, and who may serve in the war with Germany, and were or shall be honorably discharged therefrom, and who are or may become unable to earn a

livelihood by reason of wounds, disease, old age, or other infirmity, and have no adequate means of support."

On motion of Mr Couch of Concord, the House concurred with the Honorable Senate in its adoption of the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House took a recess for 1 hour.

(After recess.)

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred House Bill No. 603, An act relating to the salaries of certain state officials, reported the same under Joint Rule 6 with the following amendment, and the recommendation that the bill as amended ought to pass:

Amend the act by striking out section 6 and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECT. 6. Amend section 2, chapter 128 of the Laws of 1909, relating to the salary of the state forester, as amended by section 1, chapter 166, Laws of 1911, and section 1, chapter 159, Laws of 1913, by striking out the figures "\$2,500" in first sentence of said section and inserting in place thereof "\$3,000," so that said sentence as thus amended shall read as follows:

"SECT. 2. The forestry commission shall appoint a state forester to serve at the will of the commission at a salary to be fixed by commission, not to exceed \$3,000 a year."

Amend section 7 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows;

SECT. 7. Amend section 11, chapter 286 of the Public Statutes, as amended, by striking out the whole of said section and substituting in place thereof the following:

"SECT. 11. The salary of the warden of the state prison shall be \$2,500 and shall be in full for his services."

Amend section 9 by striking out the entire section and inserting in place thereof a new section to read as follows:

SECT. 9. Amend section 1, chapter 24 of the Laws of 1915, by striking out the whole of said section and inserting in place thereof the following:

"SECTION 1. The salary of the deputy state treasurer shall be \$1,800 per annum."

The report was accepted and the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills adopted.

RESOLUTION.

Mr. Challis of Manchester offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this House that Royal L. Page of Gilmanton, a respected member of this House, is seriously ill at his home, therefore be it

Resolved, That this House in its closing hours extends to Representative Page assurances of its sympathy and its hopes for his speedy recovery to full strength and vigor.

Resolved, That the clerk be instructed to send to Representative Page a duly attested copy of these resolutions.

On a *viva voce* vote the resolution was adopted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate refused to concur with the House of Representatives in the passage of the following entitled bill sent up from the House of Representatives:

House Bill No. 571, An act to declare houses of ill-fame, lewdness, assignation and prostitution to be nuisances and to enjoin and abate the same.

The message further announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the adoption of the amendments offered by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills to House Bill No. 603, An act relating to the salaries of certain state officials.

The message also announced that the Senate had voted to adopt the amendment offered by the Joint Committee on

Engrossed Bills to House Bill No. 589, An act relative to the raising of money by towns to provide and maintain armories and military organizations, in the adoption of which amendment the Senate asked the concurrence of the House of Representatives:

Amend the act by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof two new sections to read as follows:

"SECT. 2. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to repeal or otherwise affect the provisions of an act entitled 'An act relative to the raising of money by towns in time of war,' approved April 18, 1917.

"SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage."

On motion of Mr. Couch of Concord, the House concurred with the Honorable Senate in the amendment proposed by the Joint Committee on Engrossed Bills.

The bill was then sent to the secretary of state to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Woodman of Milford, the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON.

The House was immediately called to order in afternoon session.

The House went into recess.

(After recess.)

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Wood of Portsmouth, for the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported that the committee had examined and found correctly engrossed the following entitled bills and joint resolutions:

Senate Bill No. 56, An act in amendment of section 20 of chapter 27 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 112 of the Laws of 1903, chapter 22 of the Laws of 1907, chapter 83 of the Laws of 1909, and chapters 2, 44 and 136 of the Laws of 1913, relating to county commissioners.

House Bill No. 572, An act to establish an additional system of cross state highways.

House Bill No. 588, An act to provide state pay for soldiers in the service of the United States.

House Bill No. 593, An act accepting the vocational education act of Congress of February 23, 1917.

House Bill No. 25, An act establishing a standard of weights and measures.

House Bill No. 510, An act to regulate the grading, packing, shipping and sale of apples.

House Bill No. 317, An act in amendment of chapter 133 of the Laws of 1911, entitled "An act repealing chapter 86 of the Laws of 1905 and chapter 154 of the Laws of 1909, and enacting a motor vehicle law," as amended by chapter 81 and chapter 171 of the Laws of 1913 and chapter 129 of the Laws of 1915.

House Joint Resolution No. 13, Joint resolution appropriating money for improvements at the state prison.

House Joint Resolution No. 47, Joint resolution relating to Mason fire damage.

House Joint Resolution No. 83, Joint resolution appropriating money for the New Hampshire College of Agriculture and the Mechanic Arts.

House Joint Resolution No. 108, Joint resolution appropriating money for repairs on the state house.

House Joint Resolution No. 109, Joint resolution in favor of Harry C. Jones and others.

House Joint Resolution No. 110, Joint resolution in favor of the New Hampshire state hospital.

House Joint Resolution No. 111, Joint resolution in favor of Walter J. A. Ward, William H. Knox and others.

House Joint Resolution No. 112, Joint resolution appropriating money to make effective the laws against bribery at elections.

Senate Bill No. 63, An act for the regulation of the sale and use of explosives and firearms.

Senate Bill No. 67, An act in amendment of sections 10, 11, 12 and 13 of chapter 195 of the Public Statutes, as amended by chapter 113, Laws of 1901, chapter 14, Laws of 1905, and chapter 31, Laws of 1915, relating to the rights

of the husband or wife, surviving, in the estate of the deceased husband or wife.

House Bill No. 138, An act for the control of the white pine blister and other fungous or insect pests.

House Bill No. 165, An act relating to the establishment of a free employment office in the bureau of labor.

House Bill No. 279, An act permitting banks and trust companies to be appointed as trustees.

House Bill No. 384, An act in favor of Plymouth normal school.

House Bill No. 411, An act establishing and changing the present location of a part of a system of continuous highways as enumerated in section 1 of chapter 93, Laws of 1915.

House Bill No. 464, An act to set off a certain lot of land in the town school district of Haverhill and annex the same to the town school district of Piermont.

House Bill No. 568, An act to authorize the governor and council to acquire real estate for military purposes.

House Bill No. 577, An act for the relief of the town of Albany.

House Bill No. 597, An act in amendment of section 2 of chapter 141 of the Laws of 1913 relating to the courts.

House Joint Resolution No. 25, Joint resolution in aid of the town of Haverhill in building a bridge across the Connecticut river.

House Joint Resolution No. 33, Joint resolution for the treatment of persons afflicted with tuberculosis, particularly in the advanced stages.

House Joint Resolution No. 91, Joint resolution appropriating money for the use of Dartmouth college.

House Joint Resolution No. 106, Joint resolution to provide for the probable increased expenses of the departments and institutions for the year ending August 31, 1918.

House Joint Resolution No. 107, Joint resolution to provide for deficiencies in certain state departments for the year ending August 31, 1917.

House Bill No. 508, An act in relation to fish and game.

House Bill No. 532, An act in relation to the John Nesmith trust fund.

House Bill No. 583, An act in amendment of chapter 327 of Laws of 1915, entitled "An act in relation to the city of Manchester, establishing a board of registrars for said city."

House Bill No. 589, An act relative to the raising of money by towns to provide and maintain armories and military organizations.

House Bill No. 603, An act relating to the salaries of certain state officials.

House Bill No. 604, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the state of New Hampshire for the year ending August 31, 1918.

House Bill No. 605, An act making appropriations for the expenses of the state of New Hampshire for the year ending August 31, 1919.

House Bill No. 609, An act to amend an act approved April 12, 1917, entitled "An act relating to willful and malicious injuries."

House Bill No. 616, An act in amendment of chapter 13 of the Public Statutes, relating to the New Hampshire soldiers' home, as amended by chapter 18 of the Laws of 1899.

The report was accepted.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Mr. Burlingame of Manchester,—

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee consisting of one from each county be appointed by the House, with such as the Senate may join, to wait on His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the legislature has completed the business of the session and is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make.

The Speaker appointed as members of such committee on the part of the House: Hillsborough, Burlingame of Manchester; Rockingham, Pridham of Newcastle; Strafford, Meader of Rochester; Belknap, Leavitt of Meredith;

Carroll, Thomas of Tuftonborough; Merrimack, Corrigan of Bradford; Cheshire, Huntress of Keene; Sullivan, Philbrick of Springfield; Grafton, Moulton of Lisbon; and Coös, McHugh of Gorham.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Honorable Senate by its clerk announced that the Senate had voted to concur with the House of Representatives in the following concurrent resolution.

Resolved, by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That a committee consisting of one from each county be appointed by the House, with such as the Senate may join, to wait on His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the legislature has completed the business of the session and is ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make, and the President had appointed as members of such committee on the part of the Senate, Senators Theriault, Martin, Parnell, Shea, Hall, Boyd, Daley and Hardy.

The message further announced that, by the concurrent resolution previously adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives, that all reports, bills and joint resolutions pending in either branch of the legislature on Thursday, the nineteenth of April, at five o'clock in the afternoon, be indefinitely postponed, the following entitled bills were indefinitely postponed:

House Bill No. 348, An act regulating public dancing in the city of Manchester.

House Bill No. 582, An act in amendment of section 1 of chapter 346 of the Laws of 1913 relating to pensions for firemen in the city of Manchester.

INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

The following bills and joint resolutions were indefinitely postponed by the concurrent resolution for final adjournment:

House Bill No. 31, An act in amendment of chapter 164 of the Laws of 1915 relating to the hours of labor for women.

House Bill No. 36, An act for the dissemination of information concerning proposed legislative enactments.

House Bill No. 125, An act in amendment of an act regulating the hours of labor for women.

House Bill No. 136, An act to provide for a bounty on red squirrels.

House Bill No. 236, An act to provide a forty-eight-hour week for women and minors under eighteen years of age.

House Bill No. 262, An act to amend section 20 of chapter 180 of the Public Statutes relating to hours of labor.

House Bill No. 329, An act establishing a police commission for the city of Franklin.

House Bill No. 330, An act to provide for the election of a highway commissioner for the city of Franklin.

House Bill No. 587, An act in amendment of section 8 of chapter 153 of the Laws of 1905, entitled "An act relating to the city of Keene."

House Joint Resolution No. 69, Joint resolution appropriating \$2,000 for finishing and furnishing the state armory at Portsmouth.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Burlingame of Manchester, for the joint committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the legislature had completed its duties, reported that they had attended to their duty and that the governor informed them that he had a communication to lay before the House.

The report was accepted, and immediately His Excellency, Hon. Henry W. Keyes, governor, appeared before the House and delivered the following message:

To the House of Representatives:

The New Hampshire General Court of 1917 has presented to me for my consideration 325 bills and 43 joint resolutions, all of which I have signed. In behalf of the people of the state, whom you have here so well represented, I thank you for the attention you have given to your duties and I congratulate you upon the record you have made for wise, liberal and patriotic action. Returning to your constituents, you can continue to be of great service to the state through your knowledge of the needs of the hour and your leadership of the people in meeting those needs.

I fully appreciate the splendid unanimity with which you have responded to every call the executive has made upon you for the enactment of military and preparedness measures; and my final appeal to you is that you will keep constantly in mind the crisis which state and nation are facing; that you will do everything in your power to arouse and make effective public sentiment on this line; and that you will co-operate in every possible way, as individuals and through local organizations, with the state committees whose public-spirited members are giving their services to the state with such excellent results.

Having been informed by the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives that you have completed the business of the session and are ready to adjourn, I do, by the authority vested in me as governor, hereby declare the General Court of New Hampshire adjourned to the last Wednesday in December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

HENRY W. KEYES,
Governor.

Thereupon the Speaker declared the House adjourned to the last Wednesday in December, 1918.

HARRIE M. YOUNG.
Clerk.

A true copy. Attest:

HARRIE M. YOUNG,
Clerk.

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ERRATA.

Pages 60, 62, 96. House Bill 145 should read Chapter 128.

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